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RAMBLERS REUNITE

Country music fans will be delighted to know that the Misty River Ramblers are getting together again to perform at this weekend's Haliburton County Fair. The popular local band, named after Nesbitts' Misty River Farm, will be delighting the crowd on Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Minden fairgrounds.

IN QUOTES

"Kinmount 'mover and shaker' Patti Fleury better start doing more moving and shaking and less snacking!"

Patti Fleury, page 25

Teen rescues drowning swimmer

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Alnoor Gowani might only be 13 years old but he acted like a calm and responsible adult when he jumped into the Gull River to save a drowning man on Friday night.

At about 6 p.m. on August 14, Alnoor and a friend were taking turns swinging from a rope into the river close to the new pedestrian bridge. He looked out into the river and saw that a 30-year-old man was in obvious distress. The man had a small "floatie" but it wasn't big enough to sustain his weight and he was flailing around in the water.

"He was drowning. He trying to say 'Help' but he couldn't talk because he had too much water in his mouth," Alnoor says.

Alnoor shouted out for help but when he saw there was no one around to help, dove into the river and swam out the man. Alnoor tried to give the man the floatie but it kept floating away. "My instinct just said 'Grab his hand and take him to shore.' I told him to kick with his feet."

Once on shore, two young men pulled the man to safety.

"I was scared," Alnoor said of how he felt when he too was back

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Gotcha!

Minden Hills Councillor Rick Ratcliff recovers from being pied by Times reporter Chad Ingram during Minden's homecoming events last week. For more homecoming photos see page 4.

Police harvest grow-ops' crops

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

In five separate raids last week, police seized \$3.5-million in drugs and property and charged a Minden man with production of marijuana and theft of hydro.

Hydroponic grow equipment and 1,238 pot plants were discovered by the OPP Central Drug Enforcement Unit August 11 at a residence on Crystal Lake.

Police say the residence had a "sophisticated marijuana grow operation in the basement" and when they arrived they arrested one man in the basement, while the other man ran out the back door.

He was also arrested.

From that raid, two 42-year-old men were charged: one from Markham and the other from Minden Hills.

The value of the drugs seized at that property is estimated to be \$667,760.

The next day, August 12, four search warrants in Minden Hills produced more than 3,000 indoor marijuana plants, 25 pounds of processed marijuana, "a large assortment of grow equipment, a firearm, all-terrain vehicle, trailer and two riding lawn mowers," ac-

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Teen did everything right: OPP

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on land. "My heart was beating really fast and I realized what I'd done."

OPP spokesman Mark McMaster says that Alnoor deserves recognition for his brave action. Not only did Alnoor put his own safety at risk by jumping into the river to help, but once with the man, he did everything he was supposed to.

"Alnoor was calling out for help and pulling [the drowning man] to shore at the same time. "He responded more like an adult. He certainly didn't act like a 13-year-old. He must be a pretty good swimmer."

McMaster wasn't at the scene but says there was a good chance that without Alnoor's quick response, the man could have drowned. "It could have been tragic," McMaster says.

The police are not releasing the name of the man who almost drowned. He's a resident of Minden.



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Alnoor Gowani, 13, saved a man from drowning in the Gull River on Friday.

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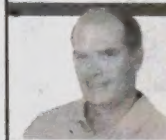
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Salary hikes put top AH official over \$100,000

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

At a meeting on August 13, councillors for Algonquin Highlands township approved salary and wage increases for the municipality's staff.

The new salary and wage grid, which will come into effect this year, is based on a three per cent annual cost of living increase and will cover the next five years.

During that time, the township's chief administrative officer's salary will increase from just less than \$95,000 to more than \$106,000, while the operations manager's and treasurer's salaries will increase from just more than \$79,000 to just more than \$89,000, respectively.

Both the fire chief and clerk/planner will see their salaries rise from more than \$57,000 to more than \$64,000 and salaries for the township's chief building official/bylaw enforcement officer and airport managers will go from about \$52,000 to about \$59,000.

The salary of the township's deputy chief building official/water technician will increase from about \$40,000 to about \$45,000.

Wages for the municipality's water trails co-ordinator, recreation co-ordinator and working foremen wages will increase from \$23.69 an hour to \$26.66 an hour; public works and waste co-ordinators from \$22.08 to \$24.85; machine operators from \$19.56 to \$22.01; treasury assistant and maintenance workers from \$18.11 to \$20.38; office assistants from \$17.57 to \$19.78 and recreation centre attendants and tower co-ordinators from \$14.42 to \$16.23.

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Mike Callaghan takes a last look at the Minden sign for nearly a year. He's left for Belgium on an 11-month Rotary exchange.

Callaghan exchanges Minden life for a year in Belgium

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

When Mike Callaghan flew to Europe on Saturday, it was the first time he'd ever left North America.

And the Minden teenager decided there was no better way to earn his wings as an international traveller than with a year's visit to Belgium.

Mike is taking part in an 11-month exchange program thanks to the Haliburton Rotary Club and until next July will be living in Huy, a town of about 20,000, located about midway between the Belgium cities of Namur and Liege.

The 17-year-old said he became interested in doing an exchange "to expand my world views."

While in Huy, Mike will be attending school, which is conducted in French. Although he has studied core French throughout his academic life in Canada, Mike said he is sure it will be challenging attending classes where French is the dominant language.

Mike will not actually be receiving credits for attending school in Belgium, but rather will complete Grade 12 when he returns home for the 2010/11 school year.

In the meantime, he hopes to have the

sort of learning experiences that once can only acquire through travel.

Mike will be meeting up with other exchange students during his 11-month stay and together they will travel to European tourist hotspots such as London, Amsterdam and Paris.

His own ancestry, comprised of Irish, Hungarian and Romanian bloodlines, is something Mike said he would also like to explore, if it is permitted.

When Mike applied to the program last fall, he had no idea where he would be travelling if accepted. He was up for anything and said last week he is happy to be travelling to Belgium.

"I'm really excited about Belgium," he said. "It seems to be a country that fits me."

How does he hope to have changed when he returns to Haliburton County next summer?

"I guess I'll have a different perspective on North America," Mike said, adding he's sure his home and native land will never be quite the same again.

While Mike was feeling a bit of apprehension as he prepared for his journey, saying he was experiencing some "fear of the unknown," it was obvious that excitement strongly outweighed any fear.

Chad Ingram/TIMES



Cheryl Murdoch, left, gets some help from Molly McInerney as she prepares to launch a cream pie at one of her fellow councillors. Murdoch also took a turn as a target at the popular fundraising event.



Councillor Lisa Schell cleans up after experiencing a direct hit during the cream pie throwing event.

Homecoming week a hot ticket

by LINDA LITWIN
Special to the Times

On August 8, Homecoming Week kicked off with exhibits at the Minden Curling Club. Thanks to the club for donating the space to host this wonderful event. The official welcome was hosted by Jack Brezina and Jeanne Anthon, the sesquicentennial committee co-chairs. There were congratulations extended from Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, MP Barry Devolin, past reeves Vern Berry, Jeanne Anthon and Ross Rigney, Warden Dave Burton, and guest Dysart's Reeve Murray Fearrey. There was birthday cake and coffee served to celebrate Minden's 150 years of history. More 100 people attended the first day of the exhibits.

There were 30 exhibits of Minden's past available each morning all week long. Thank you to the exhibitors that dug into their history in Minden and shared their stories and triumphs. An average of 50 people each day enjoyed looking at the pictures, trophies and plaques, read about the genealogy of the area families and gazed at the names on the Dream Quilt that the Haliburton Highland Quilt Guild created and donated to support Cottage Dreams. Thank you to those that attended the exhibits and enjoyed a walk in the past. We had guests from New Zealand, Chili, Zambia, South Africa, Czechoslovakia Scotland, England, Calgary, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia. Saturday afternoon offered a fun Amazing Race relay organized by Molly McInerney. The participating teams raced to play blind baseball at the community centre, counted their steps through the Labyrinth Walk at the Cultural Centre, ran into a problem with a Hole In My Bucket at the Sears store, counted corks at the Wine Store, played mini putt at Beaverbrook Golf Course, tried to catch the "big one" at the Here Fishy Fishy stop at the Minden Home Hardware, threw pizza dough at a dinosaur at Godfather's Pizza and ate a yummy sandwich at the Dominion Hotel to mention a few stations. The day wound down on Saturday evening at the community

centre where the Haliburton County fair board provided a delicious ham and scalloped dinner for the community.

August 9, the community centre hosted a fun afternoon of fellowship with the churches and public gathering for an all-church picnic. Thanks to musicians Toos Reid, Rob Colicchia, Michael Vineham and Daniel Roberts. On August 11 there were 45 entries in the all-class car show 'n' shine. The downtown core was closed down as the cars lined the street for everyone to enjoy. The oldest entry was a 1929 Model A owned by Louie Reynolds. The newest car was a 2001 Jetta owned by Mckye Shaw. Special mentions were antique Kawartha Dairy vehicles, the corvettes, mustangs and T-Bird, to name a few. The Peoples' Choice award went to Joe Kiteley with his 1962 GMC pickup.

Early in the morning on August 12 is when all the good garage sales started and that was the time to be downtown for the Trunk Sale. The balloons were flying over 15 registered vehicles to sell their items from the trunks of their cars. It was a lot of fun and very colorful downtown. Then everyone cooled off in the afternoon with over 100 people Floating Their Hull Down the Gull. Everyone had an enjoyable leisure float down the river.

On August 13 was the annual Minden Merchant Street Sale. Molly McInerney and Rick Cox organized a new event, a cream pie throwing contest at the local politicians. Thanks go out to Jim McMahon, Cheryl Murdoch, Lisa Schell and Rick Ratcliff for participating in this fun event. The street was lined with vendors, the Minden Hills Museum held their annual jail cell fundraiser, service clubs got involved and Moose FM was broadcasting live with the Haliburton Health Services' annual fundraiser as well. The evening wound down with a Rockcliffe Fashion Show. There were Beer Nut T-shirts, Rockcliffe University of 1983 and 1979 alumni were in attendance and a brave gentleman showed up in his Rockcliffe bright red long johns!!

Sponsored by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, The Conjurers of County Town performed a sesquicentennial-themed live production, *Buck's Tavern*, at the cultural

centre on August 13, 14, 15 and 16. The cast portrayed many of Minden's notable characters and lived out the shining moments of Minden's history. August 15 was a beautiful day for the Minden 150 Bike Race. The race was a huge success with 188 in the 150 km ride, 73 in the 70 km ride and 28 in the 30 km ride plus about 25 volunteers who didn't ride. Please purchase a Spoil Me Lottery ticket as this is one of our fundraising efforts for sesquicentennial events. A Spoil Me Lottery ticket is \$50 and can be purchased at the County Information Centre, from a sesquicentennial committee member or at the Minden Hills municipal office. There are prizes drawn each month and all the tickets are returned to the drum on New Years Eve for the elimination draw for a trip for two to Minden Germany in 2010. Thanks for the continued support and participation in Minden sesquicentennial events.



Reeve Jim McMahon reconsiders his decision to enter politics following the pie throwing.



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Many children had their faces painted during a street sale on Bobcaygeon Road on August 13.



Many children lined up to cheer on their picks in the minnow races.



Times columnist Steve Galea was heckling passersby for bail money as he helped raise money for the Minden Hills Museum. When one woman asked Galea what his crime was, he responded, "I write terribly."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Local boy a hero

WHILE FIRST RESPONDERS such as firefighters or police officers often come to mind when one hears the word "hero," heroes can come in all shapes and sizes, as one Minden boy demonstrated last week.

Thirteen-year-old Alnoor Gowani was playing with a friend off Invergordon Avenue near the Gull River on the evening on August 14 when he noticed a man yelling for help and struggling in the water.

Exercising a great deal of calm, responsibility and bravery, Alnoor jumped into the water, swam out to the man and retrieved him from the river.

By the time emergency crews arrived on the scene, the man was safe on the shore.

Not all people would respond this way in this situation.

These types of emergency situations often highlight the fact that when it comes to such dire circumstances, people, their true grit put to the test, can essentially be divided into two categories: those who do something to help and those who do nothing.

Alnoor obviously falls into this first category and he, his family, and in fact all the residents of Minden, should be proud of his actions last week.

Homecoming heats up

Mother Nature helped out Minden's sesquicentennial committee last week when she provided some nice weather for the second half of this year's homecoming celebrations.

Thanks to a beautiful sunny day on August 12, about 100 people floated their hulls down the Gull, from Rotary Park to Minden's downtown. There was also a healthy turnout for a street sale on August 13 and that afternoon, a number of citizens had a sweet time throwing cream pies at some good-natured Minden Hills councillors; good sports.

Congratulations to the writers and performers of *Buck's Tavern*, which ran for a four-evening stint at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last week. Clever writing and well-crafted songs made the musical a fun lesson in Minden's history, taught by an enthusiastic group of local performers.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Rope swing

Photo by Chad Ingram

Trails get funding

Local MP Barry Devolin on behalf of the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of State (Sport), and Terry Norman, National Coordinator, National Trails Coalition (NTC) announced \$192,700 for five separate outdoor trails projects in Haliburton County.

The \$25 million investment in recreational trails will mean 450 trail

projects across Canada will benefit from the federal government's Economic Action Plan.

"Canada is proud to provide the first payment of \$12.5 million to the National Trails Coalition to get construction underway," said Devolin.

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Five
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“By partnering with the National Trails Coalition we are boosting local economies, creating jobs, getting shovels in the ground and providing Canadians with better quality trails.”

The successful local projects are:

- Sir Sam’s Ski Area will use \$15,000 to expand the current trail system of 3 km of cross-county trails and 3 km of downhill ski trails to adapt them for mountain bike riders and racers during other seasons;

- County of Haliburton will receive \$53,500 to expand the Haliburton Rail Trail;

Township of Highlands East will get \$47,850 to re-establish the Cardiff Trail;

- Minden Hills/Haliburton ATV Assoc. will use \$3,750 to grade the trail bed on two area trails and;

- Haliburton Highlands Water Trails will receive \$55,800 to expand canoe routes, signage and GPS mapping around Carnarvon

- Highlands East will use \$16,800 the Irondale Bancroft and Ottawa Rail Trail at Tory Hill and to repair the Gooderham Walking Trail

Applications for this funding were received between May 26, 2009 and June 26, 2009. With the intake for this funding now complete and projects approved, this first payment to the National Trails Coalition will allow work on trails to begin right away and generate economic activity in Canada’s construction sector.

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Powder

A U.S. STUDY of currency made an unnerving discovery not that long ago. It determined that between 85 and 90 per cent of all U.S. and Canadian bills had trace amounts of cocaine on them.

While I can’t speak for the U.S., I’m reasonably sure they’re mistaken about Canada. There’s no doubt in my mind that the powder they found on our money originated entirely from doughnuts.

Heck, I don’t know a single person who uses cocaine, but I do know several hundred who have bought a 12-pack of cherry- and lemon-filled doughnuts. It’s practically a Canadian rite of passage.

Look, I’m not denying that some people have a drug problem in this country. I’m just saying that more people have a doughnut problem.

I’m going to confess something here that I hope doesn’t get me in too much trouble – I was a donut junkie myself. Don’t worry, I’ve been clean for at least 10 years now. But there was a time when

I’d walk into a doughnut shop and buy one, possibly two lemon-filled doughnuts without batting an eye. Then, after eating them, I’d rub the powder on money.

Back then I didn’t care about the health implications. All I wanted was that rush that comes with a good sugar overdose.

With that in me, I’d roam the street and do crazy things that I am not very proud of. Once, I considered visiting a karaoke competition.

Luckily, the sugar-high wore off before it was my turn to sing a Neil Diamond medley.

Kids, I know it sounds exciting but you need to hear me out. There is nothing cool about powdered doughnuts.

First off, you need to remember that the big powdered doughnut

cartels don’t care about you. All they want is your money.

I remember how I got hooked. I had been invited to a birthday party. It was the late ’60s and I was seven.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

I still remember the exact moment. I was looking for a high-stakes game of musical chairs when I walked in on several kids doing doughnuts. They had powder all over their faces.

Up till then, I had only heard about these

things.

“Hey man,” one 10-year-old said, “there’s a cherry-filled donut left if you want it.”

“Groovy,” I replied as I flashed him a peace sign.

And so it began.

When I sprinted home that

night, my mom suspected that I was using. It might have been the cherry stains on my tie-dyed T-shirt. Or the way I was hanging from the chandelier.

The thing is we didn’t know about the associated health issues back then. All we knew was they made you feel good for a while. Besides, Momma Cass used them and it didn’t seem to do her any harm.

Man, those were wild times. You’d save money, go to the doughnut shop and get your fix. The low point for me was the day I found myself mowing grass to support my habit. That’s when I knew I had hit rock bottom.

It’s been a long road, but as I said, I’m clean now. These days, at most, I’ll buy a whole-grain bagel with cream cheese. Which should explain the cream cheese residue on that five-dollar bill, by the way.

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Tales of old Lutterworth

NORTHBOUND on that ancient stimulus package, Highway 35, you turn right at Miners’ Bay on Clear Lake Road and then again on Buller Road and find yourself on one of Haliburton’s boulevards of broken dreams.

In 2009, there still are patches of pastures being grazed here and there but mostly there are old fields fading into second-growth forest where once there were farms all along the way.

The voters’ list of 1886 puts almost three miles of farms on the south side of Buller Road. From east to west, there were Albert Belfry, Robert Belfry, Ralph Adamson, Thomas Hirstwood, John Gillespie, Donald Gillespie Sr., William Henry, Thomas Spencer and Elias Winslow.

Settlement is more spotty on the north side, with lots belonging to Stephen Demoe, William Chittick, David Galloway, John Spencer, Edward Poole, William Leary and Robert Belfry.

Those Buller pioneers would have made their livings as much from logging and hunting and trapping as from agriculture, but

all of them must have come here dreaming of green fields.

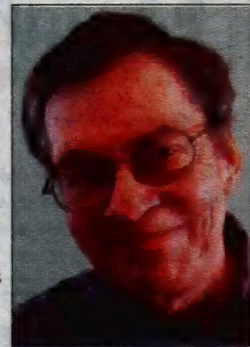
Old Lutterworth, opened up in 1859, disappeared into the new township of Minden Hills a few years back but some ancient voters’ lists found by my friend Sandy Valentine among the papers of her late husband, Bill, are a reminder of that lost world.

There are seven lists in all, all printed by the Echo when it was based in Minden, all now in the archives of the Minden Hills Museum.

Water-stained and mouse-munched, they are scattered over the years from 1886 to 1916, with a treasurers’ report from 1887 as a bonus. History is written between their lines.

Some of the names on the 1886 list look familiar, but not exactly right. Brohem must be Brohm, Groselle Grozelle, Kellatt Kellett

and Wessels Wessel. None of them are now attached to the same lots their ancestors occupied in 1886.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The land has stayed in some families, passed down through the female line, but only the Hirstwood name remains where it was in 1886, grandson John on Lot 13 of Concession 3 and the ex-wife of another great

grandson on Lot 14.

John Hirstwood’s father, Charles,

was postmaster when Buller had a post office. There was once a post office at Moore’s Falls, another in a store where Miners’ Bay Lodge now stands, and now there are none.

In 1887, it cost \$1,796.56 to run all of Lutterworth, including its schools, less than the taxes on a mediocre 2009 cottage. The township paid Adolphus Boldt \$2

to save a corduroy road from fire.

By 1914, the roads were good enough to bring the first cottagers to Lutterworth, to Moore’s Lake and Miners’ Bay and the north end of Gull Lake.

The Chambers family was already on Miners’ Bay in 1916. Other 1916 names still on Gull Lake are Grant and Lackie and Soward and Wellstood. Moore’s Lake already had its American colony on its eastern shore.

Most of those old lists were drawn up by John Hulbig, township clerk for 53 years. His 1914 voters include Louis Porter even though he was murdered in 1912. By 1916, Ada’s status as a propertied widow gives her a vote in municipal elections and she is on the list.

In 1923, Ada Porter becomes Mrs. John Hulbig and, a year later, the mother of the historian who died this spring. (NOTE – Miners’ and Moore’s are the traditional spellings. Your comments and corrections are invited.)

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Buckslide bridge delays get worse

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The reconstruction of the Buckslide Bridge will not be completed in time for the start of the 2009/10 school year, councillors for Algonquin Highlands heard at a meeting on August 13.

School buses for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were forced to make detours to avoid the project at Buckslide bridge, located on Buckslide Road west of Halls Lake, throughout May and June after the reconstruction project began in May.

While township staff had initially hoped to have the project completed by the time school buses hit the roads for the upcoming school year, the township's operations

manager, Brian Whetstone, said last week this will definitely not be the case.

"Unfortunately, I don't have any great news on the Buckslide bridge," Whetstone said as he gave a report to councillors. "I kind of feel like the little Dutch boy who keeps sticking his fingers in different holes in the dike and having water spray somewhere else."

Earlier this summer, the engineers overseeing the project discovered two voids in the bridge, which is connected to a dam, owned and operated by Parks Canada.

Water rushing through the voids is making taking proper measurements for the project difficult and council has contacted Parks Canada to see what kind of help the federal organization might be willing to provide.

"It's definitely set us back," Whetstone said. "This is a significant problem that has to be addressed."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she had been to visit the site twice since the problem was discovered.

"I can see [Whetstone's] frustration," Harrison said, adding that during her visits, engineers seemed unable to agree on what should be done or come up with a definite solution. "I'm sure the school board's going to be frustrated."

"They're not very happy with me," Whetstone said, explaining he'd already been in touch with the board.

Harrison said it was quite possible that the project would now extend into 2010.

Municipal land can no longer be used as shooting range

Due to complaints of people target shooting in gravel pits and public works yards in Algonquin Highlands, this practice was banned by councillors through an amendment of the township's firearms bylaw last week.

The amendment means that target shooting should only take place on private rural lots, ones that are far enough from other properties as not to cause a noise disturbance due.

Chad Ingram

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 08-16
Applicant - **Jane and Peter KLOOSTER**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Lake Kashagawigamog, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8984, registered July 24, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 12th day of August, 2009.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10, as amended.

APPLICATION FILE NO.: MV A27/2009
APPLICANT/OWNER: P. Wilson, Agent for Heather A. Toswell
PROPERTY LOCATION: Part Lot 25, Concession 3, Township of Minden, Kashagawigamog Lake

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: A consent application has been approved to transfer a portion of property from this lot to an adjoining property. Section 4.26 of Zoning by-law 06-10 does not permit a lot to be severed if the remaining lot is in contravention of the by-law. The result of this consent causes the original lot which is developed and is considered legal non-conforming to be in contravention of the zoning by-law and therefore requires the following variances for property in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone:

1. From Section 4.26 to recognize that the lot has 0.29 Ha rather than the required 0.40 Ha.
2. From Section 5.2 Table 2 with respect to required frontage to recognize that this lot has 30m rather than 60m.
3. From Section 5.2 Table 2 to recognize that the setback of the existing cottage is 19.5m rather than 30m as required.

HEARING DATE: Monday, August 31, 2009
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

FAILURE TO ATTEND HEARING - If you do not attend at the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills

Dated this 19th day of August, 2009.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Aug 21-23 Haliburton County Fair-Minden Fair Grounds
August 20 Finance Committee Meeting - Council Chambers 1:30 PM
August 27 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM



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Creative Writing Contest - Writing Our Story
R.D. Lawrence Place invites you to participate in a creative writing contest. The theme is 150 years of life in Minden: WRITING OUR STORY. Pen a fictional tale of days past, recount real events, memories, craft a scene for a play - if you can set it in Minden and keep it under 1,500 words, we want to read it! Open to writers of all ages.
DEADLINE: September 8, 2009 for adults, September 18 at 4pm for youth
HOW TO ENTER: Submit your entry to us at rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca or Mail to Box 69, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden ON, K0M 2K0.

Great Green Garage Sale, Sept 12, R.D. Lawrence Place
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Thank you to the Sesquicentennial Committee for all of their hard work this year in arranging so many wonderful events in Celebration of Minden's 150th Birthday. A special thank you to Lynda Litwin and Molly McInerney for championing many of the Homecoming Week Events. We would also like to thank all of the participants that attended the Classic Car Show'n Shine and congratulate Joe Kiteley, with his 1962 GM pick-up, as winner of the People's Choice Award; Reeve Jim McMahon for supplying grab bags and ice cream cones to the participants. Also, thank you to all of the sponsors and businesses for their generosity donating certificates and gift for the various events. Thank you also to all of the exhibitors at the Curling Club for taking the time to submit and "man" a display during Homecoming Week, as well as all of the participants that have supported and enjoyed the events so far in 2009. Special thanks goes out to our brave Councillors, Reeve Jim McMahon, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Councillors Lisa Schell and Rick Ratcliff for the "Pie a Councillor" event and the Pie throwers!

NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, August 27th, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.
In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
7 Milne Street Minden
**TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSOLIDATED TARIFF OF FEES BY-LAW
(Ball Park Rental Fees)**

Pursuant to Section 391 of the Municipal Act, and according to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills is holding a Public Meeting to consider a proposed amendment to the comprehensive Tariff of Fees By-law. The amendment pertains to fees related to Ball Park Rental Fees.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available from the Community Services Department (705) 286-1936. The proposed by-law amendment will be considered by Council at their August 27th, 2009 Regular Council Meeting.

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Cultural Centre	705-286-2808	Community Centre/Arena	705-286-1936
Agnes Jamieson Gallery	705-286-3763	Minden Library	705-286-2491

Chad Ingram/TIMES



Hotel keeper present (Shawn Chamberlin) and past (portraying Daniel Buck) leads the cast of *Buck's Tavern* in the finale of last week's outdoor theatre.

Buck's Tavern brings history to life at cultural centre

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The more than 100 audience members who packed themselves into a large tent

on the lawn of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last week for the premiere of *Buck's Tavern* were taken on a playful journey through Minden's history.

The musical, produced by the Conjurors

of County Town, ran at the centre from August 13 to 16.

Set in the bar room owned by 19th-century Minden hotel keeper Daniel Buck (portrayed, perhaps appropriately, by current town barkeep Shawn Chamberlin), the play was based on anecdotal accounts of Minden's history, its characters all actual people from the village's past.

Drawing on Minden personalities from the 1880s up to the 1940s, the show brought lumberman George Thompson (Shane Dibblee), flamboyant artist Andre Lapine (Sebastian Renel), Minden's well-known arts patron Dr. Agnes Jamieson (Sheryl Loucks) and many other local legends back to life for an evening.

Original songs by David Archibald also drew deeply on the area's history.

The lyrics to *Love Letters* were based on actual letters between a Minden soldier overseas during the First World War and his lover back home, which are kept at the Minden Hills Museum.

The Curse of the Bobcaygeon Road, a slow, daunting, bluesy number, recalled the long days of backbreaking labour in

Minden's desolate conditions that so many of the village's pioneers knew.

By turns humorous and stark, light and heavy, the show provided a unique perspective on the lives of the people who shaped this community.

Perhaps the production's most endearing quality was that it was produced by a local theatre company for a local audience. Littered with local references and tongue-in-cheek jokes about stereotypes, it allowed audience members to bond over their commonalities.



Peter Forgrave, John Miller and Jack Brezina sing a David Archibald song.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2009-2010 - 3 days

Monday, August 31st, 2009 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 1st, 2009 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - closed 5:30 - 6:30
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Note: Outstanding textbooks and library books/fines must be paid prior to registration.

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- Student Handbook
- Student Picture I.D. Cards
- Student Activity Council Events
- Spirit Days
- Barbecue
- Motivational Speaker (etc.)

RED HAWK ATHLETIC FEE - \$50

Payment at registration is encouraged (refundable if a non participant)

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting, if necessary. Everyone is welcome. Parent Nomination Forms may be picked up during Registration Week.

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Library fees within budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While some members of Haliburton Council are concerned that consultant costs for the new libraries in Dysart et al and Minden Hills are inappropriately high and running over budget, the chair of the county's library committee says this is not the case.

At a county finance committee meeting on August 12, councillors approved a cheque for library consulting fees for \$9,300.

The county is responsible for the interior design consulting costs as well as computers and computer furniture for the two new buildings.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis was concerned the cost was a little high and wanted a report from the library committee explaining the costs.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison was also concerned about the costs and said that while she was county warden in 2008, she was sure an amount had been budgeted for consulting costs, but couldn't recall it.

The minutes of a library committee meeting from August 13, 2008 show the amount budgeted for consulting costs was \$25,000.

Committee chair Cheryl Murdoch said earlier this week that including the \$9,300 paid out last week, when all is said and done, the county will have paid \$16,000 in consulting fees.

"It was always out there that we needed a consultant and that we didn't know how much it was going to cost," Murdoch said, adding that she feels the consultant has done much more work than what he has been paid for.

The new Minden Hills library is being stocked with books and should be opening its doors in the fall.

Grow ops might have stolen \$200,000 worth of electricity

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cording to a press release from the OPP.

Two people were charged with drug offences and more arrest warrants are being sought.

From all of the grow-ops searched, the Hydro One Theft of Power team thinks \$200,000 of power was stolen from the grid.

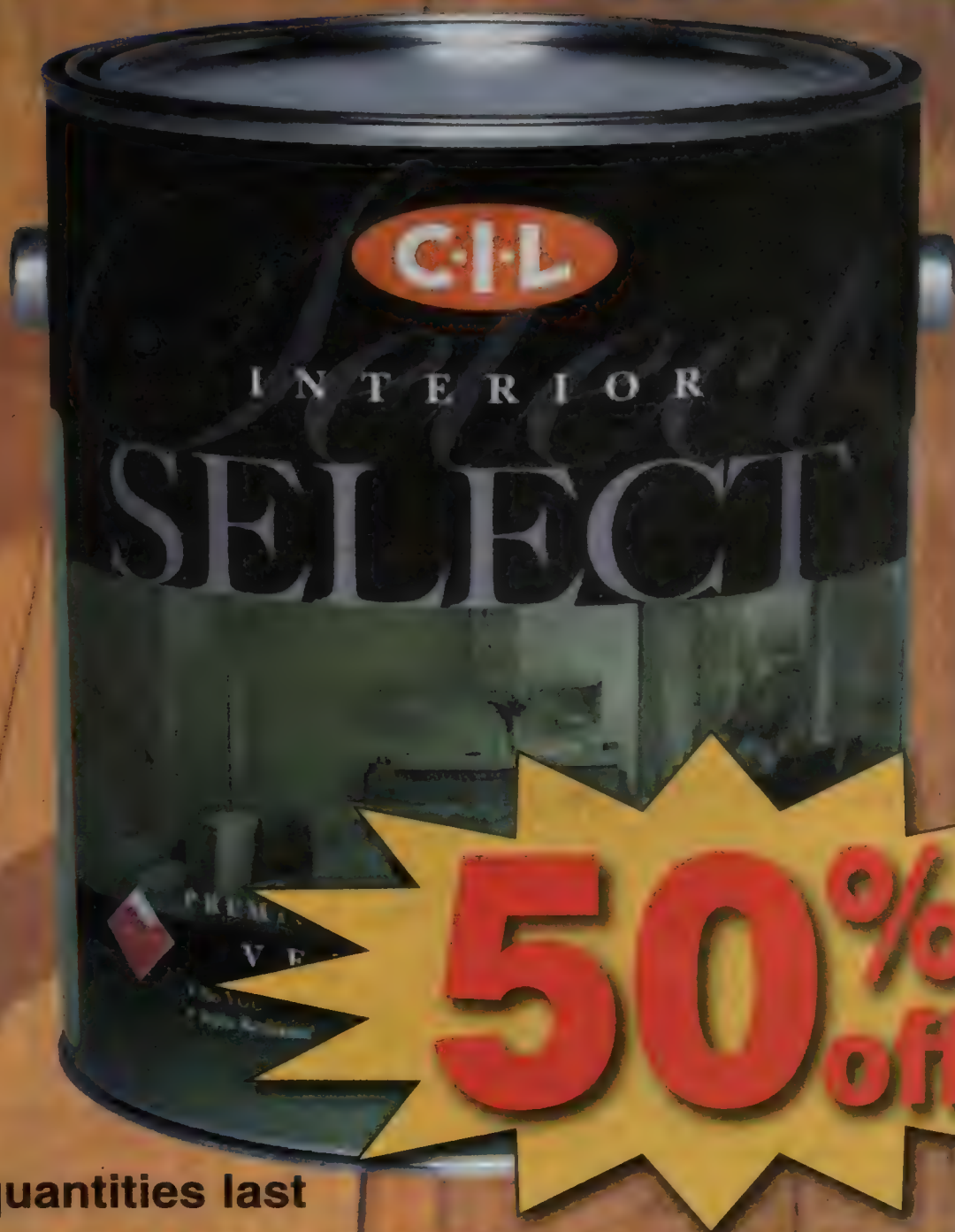
The last four raids were conducted on Highway 503 east of Kinmount, two were on

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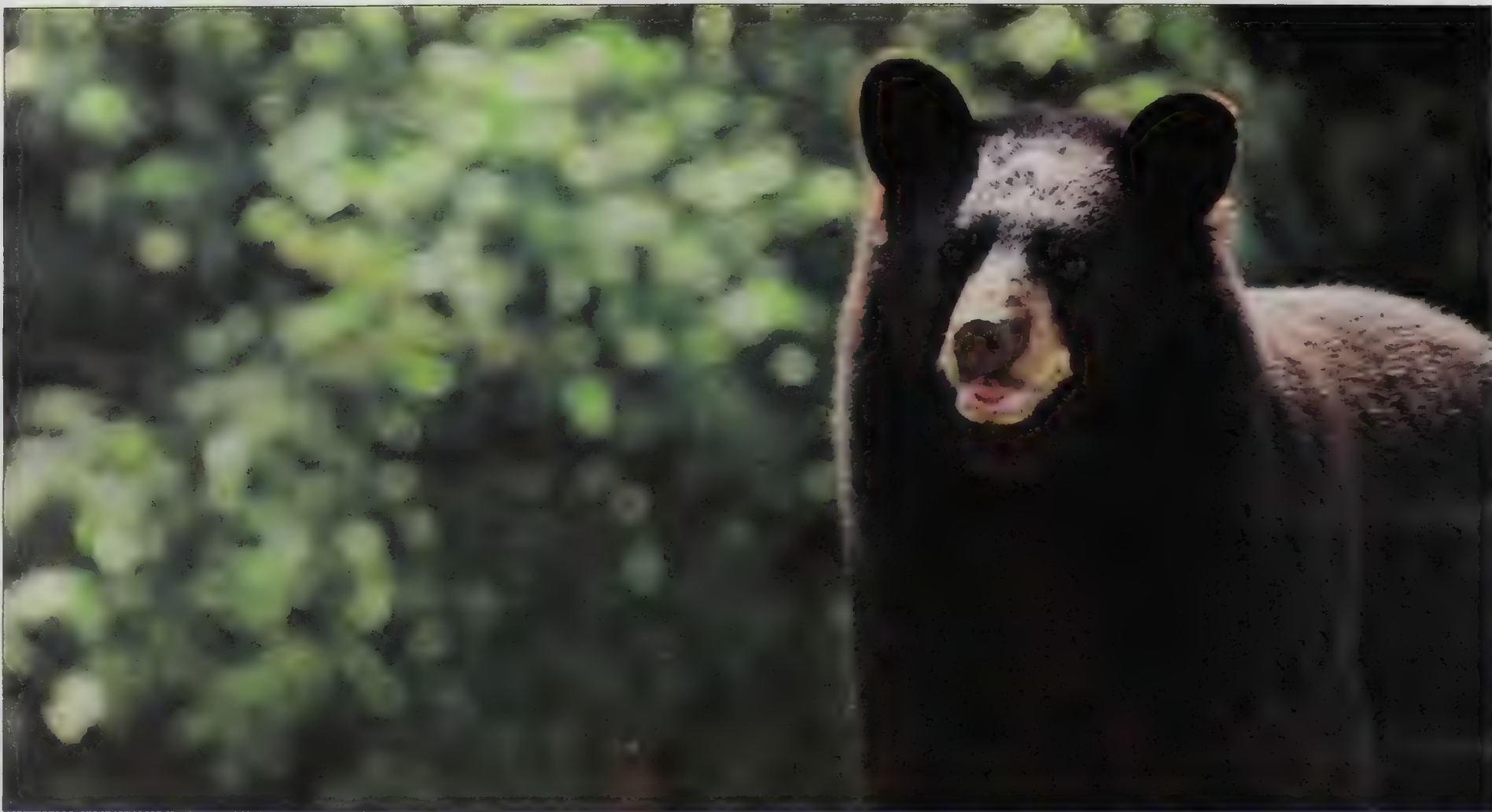


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A black bear made its way into the family cottage of *Times* reporter Chad Ingram on the evening of August 12. The bear opened a sliding glass door to get into the Halls Lake cottage. /File photo

Times reporter has surprise visitor

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Last week, I had the rather unfortunate experience of becoming a statistic – one of many Halls and Hawk lakes area residents to encounter a black bear this year.

My encounter did not happen around a bonfire, on the road, or even in the outdoors. Rather, it was inside my family's Halls Lake cottage.

The story goes like this.

It was just before 11 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12 and I was seated on the front deck, looking at the lake, listening to music (on headphones) and enjoying a few refreshing beverages after another day of work.

Deciding that I needed to empty my bladder, I headed inside to use the washroom. Crossing the cottage's sun porch and entering the main room, I noticed that in the kitchen, the refrigerator door was ajar.

I'll stop right here and admit that this should have been a good indicator that something was awry. It would be very unlike my father, whose maintenance of the place borders on obsessive-compulsive, to have the left the door of such a power-sucking appliance open. However, since, admittedly, I was not on my first refreshing beverage of the evening, it seemed entirely possible that I may have left the fridge door open.

Due to the darkness, my intense involvement with the music I was listening to (Joel Plaskett's latest album, *Three*, for anyone who might care) and/or the effects of the refreshing beverages I'd been enjoying, I also failed to notice that the sliding glass door at the side of the cottage, which had been closed, was closed no longer.

Oblivious to the fact that there was a serious situa-

tion afoot, I closed the refrigerator door and, with headphones still on, headed into the washroom to take care of business.

Upon the successful completion of my mission, I turned and exited the washroom, where I came face to face with a black bear.

In the semi-darkness, I could see its massive fur-covered skull no more than 30 centimetres in front of me. By no means a biologist, I'm unsure whether the bear was a male or a female, but I do know that, on all fours, it was at least a metre tall at the hunch of its back, its bulk rising above the cooking surface of the antique iron stove that sits in our kitchen.

Not so much terrified as surreally shocked, I simply stood looking at it, it looking back at me. This staring contest seemed to go on for quite some time, but I'm sure in all reality, it lasted a matter of milliseconds.

Trying my best to recall what one is supposed to do in such a situation, I backed slowly into the washroom and, partially shielding myself behind the washroom door, began to yell as loudly as I could.

"Get out. Get out of here!"

At this point in time, my father, who had been reading in his bedroom and who guessed quickly and correctly what was happening, came rushing out and began yelling as well.

The bear just stood there, totally silent, giving neither a grunt nor growl.

There we were, two grown men, arms flailing wildly, yelling and the top of our lungs, trying to shoo out this bear.

And, despite our best efforts, it seemed totally unfazed.

Our desperate dance continued for probably close to a minute. Finally, the bear turned slowly and sauntered out the sliding glass door, which it had apparently, and disturbingly, opened itself.

We quickly slid the door shut and locked it.

Then, and this was unexpected and disconcerting, the animal rose on hind legs (now taller than my 5'4" frame) and began pounding on the glass with its front paws.

This bear was pissed off.

Dad continued to yell while I, undeniably fascinated by this angry bear just centimetres from my face, fell silent for a few seconds.

Realizing that Dad was yelling at me to get some pots, I ran to the kitchen and retrieved said items. It was only after we began banging the pots, still yelling all the while, that the bear retreated from the deck.

It was only after we ran outside, screaming and frantically banging our cooking hardware, that the bear left the property.

After, we discovered our guest had taken a plate of chocolate cake from the fridge and, after devouring the cake on the lawn, returned for seconds. It was on this second trip into the cottage that the bear had found the fridge door closed and met me coming out of the washroom.

It had also opened the fridge in our woodshed, leaving cans of pop strewn about the shed floor.

It should be noted that since Algonquin Highlands installed Bear Wise electric fencing at the nearby Little Hawk landfill in the spring of 2008, my family has been incredibly cognizant of doing all the things residents are supposed to do to avoid bear visits.

We clean our barbecue thoroughly after each use. We

How can this happen? We do all the right, bear-wise things

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do not leave food out on tables or on the kitchen counter. There are no birdfeeders of any sort on the property and our garbage is kept in a sealed bin in the cottage.

It seems, that for this particular bear at least, human dwellings themselves are a sign enough of food.

I would love to have had a picture of our guest for publication and realize that, having had a story lumber its way into my living space, it could be argued that I dropped the journalistic ball. However, at the time of the incident, my thoughts were not that the encounter would eventually become a story in this week's edition.

My thoughts were mainly focused on not getting mauled by a bear.

Faithful readers of the Times will likely recall that earlier this summer, I wrote an editorial professing, essentially, that while bears around Halls Lake are definitely a serious nuisance, residents should have faith that the MNR's plan to wean bears off human food and garbage and to reintroduce them to their natural habitat will

eventually prove effective.

Those readers may be wondering if my all-too-intimate encounter with a bear last week has changed my tune on the subject.

My answer, honestly, is that I'm not sure. I'm torn (thankfully just metaphorically).

At the risk of being labelled a tree-hugger or a sandal-wearing, granola-eating hippie, I admit that I have a degree of sympathy for these animals and their situation.

Staring at this bear through the glass last week, I couldn't help but think of how hungry it obviously was and how, no matter which way one slices it, its plight had been caused by human activity.

However, on the other side of the proverbial coin, I keep wondering how the situation would have unfolded if, instead of a grown, 20-something man, I'd been a small child.

How would our intruder have responded then?

Part of the ministry's program is to "dispatch" – kill – what it calls "problem" bears. Our visitor obviously falls into this

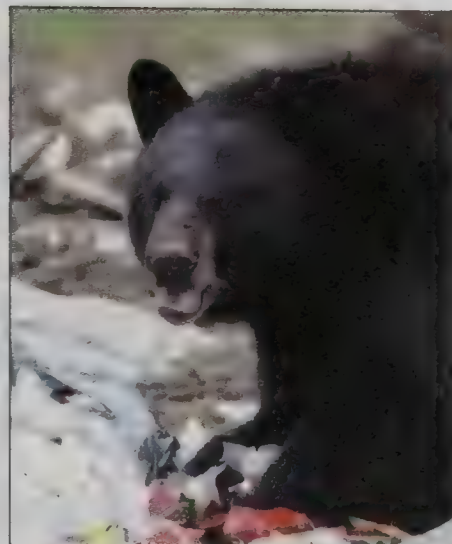
category and should, seeing how it has the gall to just enter buildings and has little fear of humans, be dispatched.

A neighbour of ours had had a similar situation just days before, where a bear entered his cottage, and he has decided that he will be packing his gun upon future cottage visits.

And, if I were the type to bare arms, I would be doing the same.

While my experience last week has left me looking over my shoulder after dark, I refuse to let the bear problem in the area diminish my standard of living or affect how I enjoy the cottage.

I will continue to enjoy refreshing beverages on the deck on warm evenings. However, from now on, it will be with a few pots and pans, and quite likely a nine-iron, by my side.



Bears can no longer feed at the Little Hawk landfill and are apparently seeking food elsewhere. /File photo

Three Rockin' Events in the County!

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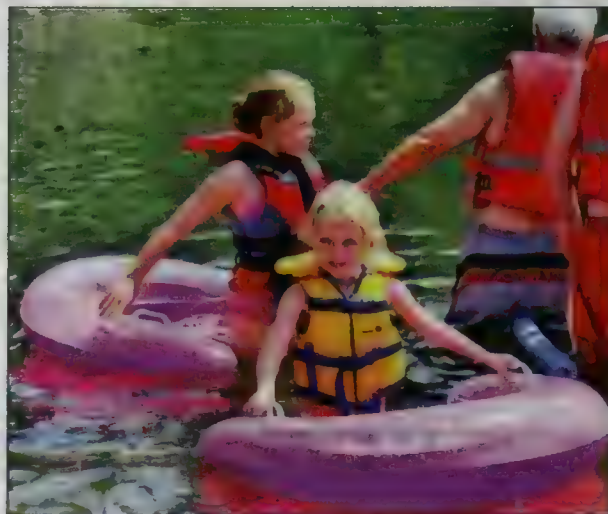
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More than 100 people took tubes, rafts and lifejackets down the Gull River on the afternoon for Float Your Hull Down the Gull, one of many events that were part of Minden's homecoming week celebrations.

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Cyclists emerge over a steep hill on Deep Bay Road on the 30 kilometre route of the Minden 150 Bike Tour Saturday.

Birthday party bikes through county

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The 70 km route took less-travelled roads, stopping by Carnarvon then south to Gelert and Ingoldsby before following County Road 121 back to Minden.

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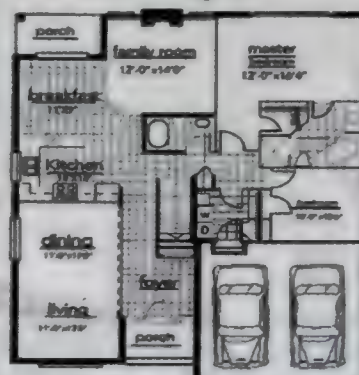
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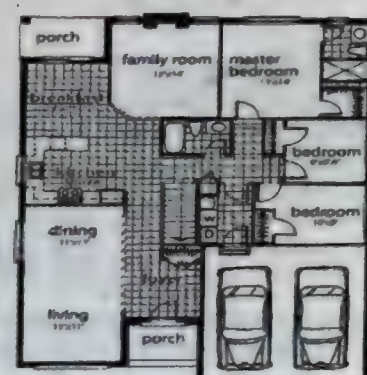
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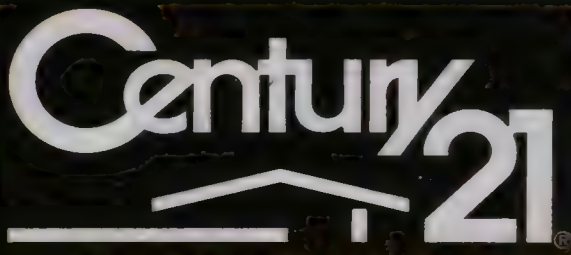


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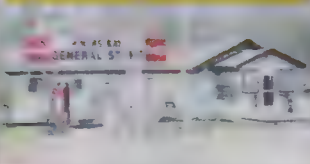
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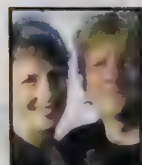
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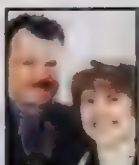
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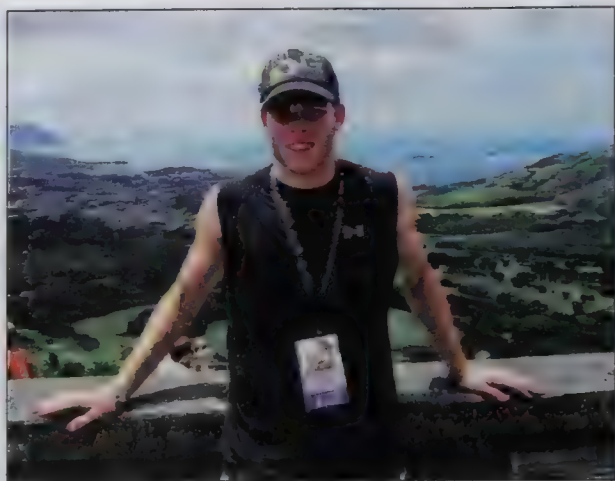


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Taking in some sights, Brock Brown stands above the city of Honolulu, Hawaii. See page 19 for the story.



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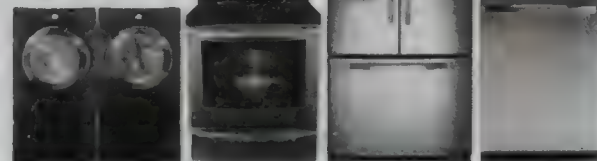
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Brown hopes to touchdown

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

In the midst of a frosty January, Minden's Brock Brown received a feeling of warmth – he'd been invited to play football in Hawaii.

The 10th annual King Kamehameha Football Classic is put on by Elite Sports and showcases the nation's top football players. Excited by the invite, Brown was concerned, however, that he wasn't going to be able to come up with the funds.

"But the community came together and helped me out," the 19-year-old says. "There's no way I'd ever be able to get it together myself."

Ever grateful, Brown sends his sincere thanks to the more than 25 individuals and organizations that supported him.

The football

Playing American rules – 11 players instead of 12 and a smaller field – Brown says the quality of football was "really good."

"We had about 27 guys on the team," says Brown. "In about a week to eight days it was amazing how fast we got together and gelled."

Nine teams were divided into three divisions; Brown was a member of Team Canada, one of two Canadian teams. Playing against only the teams in their division, Brown and Team Canada finished second in their division losing the first game and winning the second.

Brown split his playing time with two others in the cornerback position giving him a little more than half the game in playing time. The experience, he says, was awesome.

A pro career?

Brown began playing football at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Grade 9 for "something to do." Brown's attitude changed after being told in Grade 10 that he just might have what it takes to play football at a higher level.

"That's really when [football] became an option for me [as a possible career choice]," he says. His passion for the game has grown and that's what keeps him coming back to the field.

So does he see himself playing in the CFL or the NFL?

"I haven't really thought about it," he says. "I just want to get through university first."

The University of Western Ontario is where Brown is headed on Sunday, where he will don Mustangs purple.

It's an exciting time in a young man's life and he says he's most excited about the Mustangs' professional level of play.

"In high school the coaches made up my workouts," says Brown. "It was really hard for them to change [the work outs] from day to day so I always did the same exercises. But at Western there's a full-time strength and conditioning coach."

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Training camp will be much more organized than anything he's ever seen.

"I was told that first year training camp is going to be



Minden's Brock Brown stands proudly with the Canadian flag in Honolulu, Hawaii where he was invited to attend a week-long football tournament in late June. /Photo submitted

extremely, extremely difficult," says Brown. "Basically the point of training camp is to make guys that aren't 100 per cent committed quit."

Brown already seems prepared to face football hell this fall and while he'll never be fully prepared for what he'll experience at T.D. Waterhouse stadium the experiences he's had since Grade 10 should assist him.

This summer Brown played in the Ontario Varsity Football League and as a versatile player he's played various positions on both sides of the field.

"When you get to see both sides of the ball it really makes it easier to read from both sides of the field," says Brown. "I've had opportunities that have really helped me develop as a player."

He instantly recalls the first time he watched a video of an Under-17 Team Ontario game. He was able to pick up themes occurring on the field; intelligence isn't just for scholars.

In high school Brown played as a linebacker, a safety, and a running back and a few others in between. Given the choice he says he's happy to play one of three defensive back positions – halfback, cornerback, or safety.

While his ultimate goal is to play football, Brown is yet

to figure out a Plan B. Enrolled in kinesiology he knows he wants to stay in sports and says the program is good for him because it leads to many career choices.

When asked his emotions for September he expressed sadness, nervousness and excitement.

"I was thinking the other day that I'm going to miss the first few days of school at Hal High with the football team," says Brown. "I'm excited right now [for September] but I'll be a little more nervous when I'm standing on the field with 120 other guys."

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Stanhope triathlon

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The 13th annual Stanhope Triathlon had 250 participants this year in three separate races: sprint, "get your feet wet," and kids.

The race began with just 52 participants its first year and has been growing steadily ever since, said one of the race's founders Lois Foster.

All of the athletes began with a swim in Beech Lake, cycled around North Shore Road and sprinted to the finish line at the municipal offices. There were various distances, with the sprint triathlon being the longest – 750 metre swim, 20 kilometre bike ride and five kilometre run.

Standings this year:

First male in the sprint was Andrew Woegerer in 57:54.

First female in the sprint was Jessica Good in 1:12:58.

First male in the "get your feet wet" was Duncan Andrews in 33:58.

First female in the "get your feet wet" was Karen Wood in 37:55.

First male in the kids was Kevin Miller in 13:14.

First female in the kids was Sarah Whitlock in 14:36.



You can tell it's the beginning of the race for all of the energy as the kids scramble into Beech Lake.



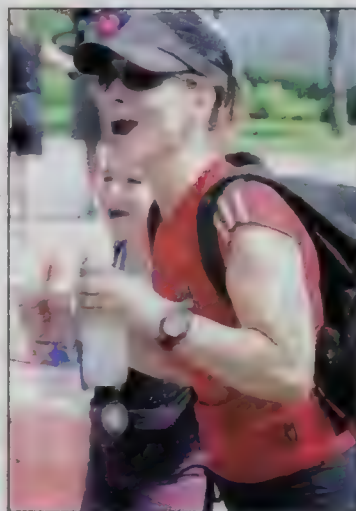
Straight out of the water, athletes would mount their bikes for a tour around North Shore Road. The kids biked for two kilometres.



After the grueling bike circuit, athletes would dismount while still running and finish the race with a sprint.

Photos
by
Jenn
Watt

Kathi, a sprinter from the morning race, stays to cheer on Gillian Sharp, one of the kids' race participants.



Some of the athletes were dressed like pros, but that doesn't mean there aren't some pre-swim jitters.



The swimming circuit was a lot shorter for the kids' race, but still got the adrenalin going.



The kids understood that although the race was competitive, it was still a lot of fun.

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Eleven years ago at the Haliburton School of the Arts, Amy Beene learned how to use polymer clay to make jewellery. Some of her work will be on display at the Lindsay Gallery until September 15.

Minden artist on display in Lindsay

by DAVE FLAHERTY
Lindsay Post

Amy Beene of Minden will be the featured showcase artist at the Lindsay Gallery until September 15.

Beene works with a form of clay called polymer to create dolls, jewellery and other pieces.

She began working with polymer clay 11 years after taking a class at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"I loved the way it works. It's a very forgivable medium," said Beene. "You can fix mistakes rather easily."

Polymer clay is worked with at a very low heat and doesn't require a kiln.

Beene said she can create a four set of wine glasses in about six hours.

The dolls she creates take quite a longer amount of time due to the number of pieces.

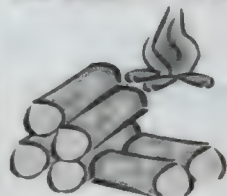
"You have to do four firings at minimum," Beene said.

Beene joked that she often has ideas for the dolls, but they also have ideas of their own.

Beene has own at various exhibits in the immediate area including Buckhorn spring art show.

Beene operates under the business name, "The Cat's Meow". She can be contacted at tedi382001@yahoo.ca or calling (705) 286-2594.

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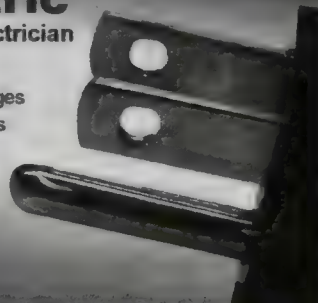
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Junk in their trunks

Fifteen vehicles took part in the annual trunk sale as part of Minden's homecoming week on August 12. Ad hoc vendors sold all sorts of items out of the backs of their vehicles, from clothing and footwear to art and handicrafts.

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Hyland Crest residents make best of summer

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Hello everyone. We are all wondering if summer will ever come, but are still keeping optimistic, and looking forward to enjoying it should it ever stop raining!

This past month we have kept busy with Canada Day sundaes, barbecue, tea party, reading and music just to name a few. We have made the best of the rainy weather this summer quite well it seems, as we have also enjoyed a strawberry social as well as a watermelon social and went to Rotary Park for a picnic too!

The sun gods must have read our calendar for the day of our barbecue as we couldn't have asked for a better day. Everyone had the chance to go out to the garden gazebo area to enjoy hamburgers, salad and ice cream, thanks to the hard work and effort of all of the staff here. We are looking forward to another one in August, so everyone, say a prayer to the sun gods for us!

Earl and Eleanor were here to entertain us one afternoon. They play a variety of instruments and sing as well. They are very talented people and we really enjoy listening and singing along with them.

While reading about some prize winning citron marmalade by the ladies at the Stanhope Museum, we discovered that none of us had ever been to the museum, and frankly, a lot of us didn't know of its existence, so we thought we should take a trip. On a beautiful sunny day, several of us met up with some residents of Highland Wood at the museum to see what we have been missing. For a small little museum, there were many things to marvel at, from kitchen utensils, to school books and memorabilia, a pump organ, post office artifacts, local stories, letters



Residents of Highland Wood and Hyland Crest enjoy a summer day at the Stanhope museum

and pictures. Many of us got a chuckle as we listened to a 1920s party line telephone conversation, filled with gossip! This terrific afternoon ended with ice tea and cookies under the trees. Many thanks to Eleanor Hamilton and the members of the Stanhope Museum for their hospitality, and to Kate Bullivant for her help.

Hugh Hamilton has been visiting once a month with a group of our men for a get together to talk about past experiences in work and to share stories. Our men are really enjoying his visits and look forward to their next mingling sessions.

Linda Cutler and Wendy Connolly hosted a movie matinee one Sunday, the feature was Free Willy, which everyone enjoyed immensely. Thanks ladies!

Some of our ladies went on an outing to the Minden annual flower show. They said that the flowers were absolutely beautiful and look forward to going again next year. Thanks very much to the Minden Horticultural Society for their gracious invitation.

We would like to thank our faithful volunteers for their generosity, time and commitment.

Many thanks to Elaine Davison and Gypsy, Cooper, Schell, Owens, Don and Marj Sisson, Carl Upton and friends, Johnny Burk, Gord Kidd, Gary Chapman, Preethy, Jeff Barry and friends, The Olde Tyme Tunes, Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders, Allsaw Gospel Singers,

Pearl, Sue, Maxinne, Teresa, Joan and Brad, who make Saturday bingo a hit, Hailey, Sheila and Jerilyn for making our tea parties such a success and the Eastern Star, Minden shuffleboard, Minden Legion men and ladies and the Carnarvon United Church Women who came and brought all the lovely goodies and treats for the teas.

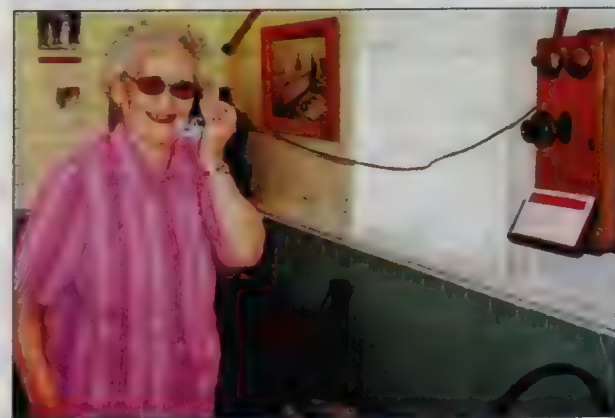
August is here already and seems as though the sun may have arrived with it. Hooray!

We look forward to telling everyone all the happenings here at Hyland Crest.

Till next time, God bless.



Doloris Phillips, Betty MacDonald, Eunice McMurray and Shirley Brandon sit down for a barbecue lunch.



Blanche MacIntosh listens in to the party line at Stanhope museum.



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AROUND THE TOWN

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Just an update on last week's headline "Escape from doggie camp." Daughter Megan arrived back from Vancouver to good reports on Bronco's behaviour. He was very happy to see them but hasn't moved much since arriving home, tired out by all the activity. Hopefully fence "sailing" will only be a fading summer memory.

One of the best trip memories for our 13-year-old grandson Austin and his cousins was the chance to ice skate around the Olympic Oval. At the rate he is growing new skates may be in the works and with this week's mid-August pick-up of the *Sears Christmas Wish Book* there is still time to order. (Did I sleep through summer?)

Speaking of grandchildren, our first, Emma Elizabeth, celebrates her 21st birthday this Saturday, August 22. She has brought us much joy. Emma enters her fourth year at Queen's University this September to complete yet another step along her journey.

In that same issue Chad Ingram's coverage on page 12 of the Communities in Bloom judges arriving in Kinmount was much appreciated.

Ralph Pearson's proud team of gentle giants provided an historical flavour to the event as they patiently moved the judges to the various sites. It is often said that a "picture is worth a thousand words." If so, then I have a new sense of resolve. "Kinmount mover and shaker Patti Fleury" better start doing more moving and shaking and less snacking!

At the Kinmount Legion, ongoing activities include cards sponsored by the Kinmount seniors with a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. and bid euchre at 1 p.m. Kids

bingo goes at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays with lunch at the Legion every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot meals are \$6 with soup and sandwich \$5 and you can eat in or take out. Friday night bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. with a \$300 "must go" jackpot.

Driving by St. Patrick's Field on Wednesday evening it was great to see so many youngsters out enjoying a soccer game with many parents cheering them on. Soccer is held there at 6:30 p.m. both Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Kinmount library continues its summer reading program on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with a drop-in craft on Saturday mornings at 11 a.m.

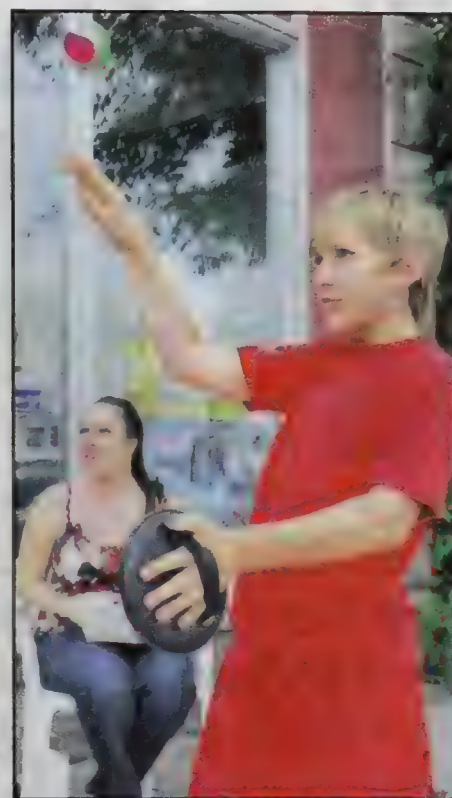
It will be girls night out on Wednesday, August 26 at the Minden Legion as guest Catherine Swift from Norland presents her book *Song and Trunk Show* beginning at 7:30 p.m. An award-winning poet and author of *A Stitch In Time - a Poetry of Quilts and Senior Moments - A Poetic Patchwork*, plus being the featured poet in *The Fine Art of Shelley McVittie*, Catherine promises to musically entertain, share information about self-publishing and quilts along with anecdotes from her latest book guaranteed to lift your spirits. The cost is \$10/person which includes desserts, tea and coffee. To reserve your ticket call Yvette at 488-2282 or the Legion at 286-4541. Catherine is a member of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild and her *Senior Moments* book is on sale at the Marketplace.

Burnt River United Church invites everyone to its annual summer smorgasbord supper this Saturday, August 22 at the community centre from 4 to 7 p.m. with a menu offering both hot and cold entrees plus home-made pies for dessert.

ART/09 Annual Burnt River Art Show will be held at the centre that same day from 1 to 7 p.m. with displays by local artisans, an art competition for local elementary school children, a snapshot contest and model railroad display. For more information call 454-1653.

Street parking was at a premium last Sunday morning with a strong turnout at St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount for the combined service of worship with St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden and St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake. Kinmount United Church recognizes the significance of the election of the new moderator of the United Church of Canada on August 14. Mardi Tindal, the fourth lay moderator elected, was raised in the rural community of Victoria Square, Ontario and now lives in Brantford, Ontario. She holds an MA in psychology and is currently the Executive Director of the Five Oaks Leadership Education Centre in Paris, Ontario. An avid user of communication technology including video production and hosting, Mardi brings many valuable personal and professional skills to her new challenge.

Until next week...



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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONSULTATION MEETING CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Special Meeting under Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act* on

DATE: Saturday September 26th, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss the revisions that may be required when considering an update to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26(3) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the first draft of the Official Plan policies and provide input into revisions that may still be required. County Council will hear presentations but requests that written comments also be provided.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Special Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation regarding the review of the County Official Plan.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of the first draft of the Official Plan policies can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department after August 15th, 2009 or by visiting the County website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca and following the links from News & Public Notices: Official Plan - 5 Year Review. Information regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 5th day of August, 2009.

For additional information please contact:

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Bring your chair and hope to see you there!

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attend the celebrations there, then we have to bring the celebrations here!

Guess what's going on September 6?

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DORSET NEWS

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The Dorset Heritage Museum hosted yet another great heritage day at the museum on Saturday, August 8. The main theme for this special event featured textiles but also included other types of crafts from the past and present.

Crafts included pottery with Suzanne Greenaway, stone carving with Elise Muller of Stone Tree Studio, fabric artist Colette Dion courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Arts Council, weaver Willy Roth, scrapbooking 101 with Diane Griffin, sewing with an old treadle style machine with Carman Greeves, and quilting, knitting with the Stitch and Witch gang Mildred Everest, Marlene Clark, Janet Rogers and Jane Tieman.

Everyone that attended Heritage Day had a fun time trying the crafts and chat-

ting with the crafters.

The Dorset Library's "Meet and Greet" this Wednesday, August 19 starting at 1 p.m. welcomes Bracebridge Public Library Author in Residence Melodie Richardson who will be sharing ideas, suggestions and conversation regarding memoir writing.

Meet and Greet on Wednesday, August 26 is Kids' Art and Crafts. The art and crafts can be brought to the library that day or ahead of time. The displayed items will be "judged" on August 26 for a prize in each of three age categories: two to five years, five to eight years and eight to 11 years.

All are welcome to these great activities. For more information, contact Ruth at the library at 766-9969 during library hours (Tuesday 4 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 2 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

On Wednesday, August 19 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset Day Camp staff Logan and Jenny will be leading Kids Crafts for kids ages five to 12. Admission is \$2 per child and



Children and one grandma participated in the last kids' cooking class at the Stanhope Fire Fighters' Community Hall. They made Crispy Dessert Pizzas. From left, Jack, Patricia, Sydney, Seamus, Taylor, Counselor Ali and Emily.

all materials are supplied. Give the recreation centre a call for more information at 766-9968.

Here is a little reminder that Dorset Day Camp ends for the season on Friday, August 21. There is still room for children to participate between now and then. The program runs Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for children ages five to 12. Kids can come for a half day, full day or more. For more information or to reserve a space, call the Recreation

Centre at 766-9968.

Special wishes for the week of August 16 to 22 go out to Samantha Ellerington, Norm MacKay (Jr.), Cory Keown, Marlene Clarke, Wes Lowell, Mary Howard, Jack Lilliman and Sandy Davis. Celebrate and have fun on your special day Erin!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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AUGUST 12: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, this is a Family event. For more information contact 705-766-9968 or email dm:algonquinhighlands.ca

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AUGUST 12 - AUGUST 31: NEWSPAPER MOUND'S HUNT - Presented by the R.D. Lawrence Place. This is a new exhibit featuring funny, stirring and timeless pieces of journalism including a series featuring a face-off with a 1950s housewife on how to feed a family of seven. R.D. Lawrence's transformation from cub-reporter to a leaguer in England to a newspaper founder in the Yukon to a newspaper publisher in rural Ontario is also a gripping tale of one of Canada's iconic immigrants. For more information call 705-286-2238 or email rdlawrenceplace@mindentimes.ca

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AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 14: BUCK'S TAVERN - AN OUTDOOR THEATRICAL EVENT - A retrospective of 150 years of Minden history in a dramatic and musical presentation. Minden's local historical characters emerge to celebrate Minden's history in words and song. Join us for a pre-performance reception. For more information call 705-286-2908 or email culturalcentre@mindentimes.ca

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AUGUST 13: JAIL 'N BAIL FUNDRAISER - Presented by the Village of Minden. Arrange to have your loved one (or not so loved one) put in our jail cell. Watch them squirm as they try to convince bystanders to contribute towards their bail. Funds go to support local charity. For more information call 705-286-3154 or email museum@mindentimes.ca

AUGUST 13: HWYEN SHORT STORY NIGHT AT THE DOMINION - Local writers come together for a relaxing evening to read their own original short stories. 7:30 p.m., Dominion Hotel, downtown Minden. Come to read or just to listen. Everyone welcome; no cover, no minimum. Call Marge at 286-2592.

AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 14: HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH RADIOthon - Join Canoe 100.9 FM & MOOSE 93.5 FM as they reach for the Future. Phone in your donations! Benefiting HHHSF. For more details call 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580, email foundation@hhhs.on.ca or visit www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.

AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 15: HIGHLANDS OPERA STUDIO-EXCERPT CONCERTS - A chance to hear participants in the Highlands Opera Studio sing their favourite solos, duets and ensemble pieces from the best loved operas in the world. For more information call the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion 705-457-9933 or email tickets@highlandsummerfestival.on.ca

AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 16: STEPPIN' OUT IN THE HIGHLANDS - Presented by Yours Outdoors. This fully guided deluxe hiking adventure lets you experience the natural beauty of the Haliburton Highlands on foot, while enjoying great hospitality and fine cuisine. You will hike the Crests of Kennis, take a Walk in the Clouds, Search for the Harbun Wells, discover the Sculpture Forest and explore a wetland. You can relax at the end of the day with a massage, yoga, or live music. 1 week advanced registration please. For more information call Barrie Martin 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

AUGUST 15: MINDEN HOMECOMING DAY OF THE MINDEN SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Bike tours will be held with a choice of rides for cyclists of all abilities. Check out this

as well as other interesting Minden Sesquicentennial activities at the www.minden150.ca website.

AUGUST 15: MINDEN BIKE TOUR - In celebration of Minden's 150th Birthday, the Cycling Coalition has partnered with the Sesquicentennial Committee to host a Bike Tour. There will be 3 distances in the tour, all of which will take place in and around the Minden area - 30 km, 70 km and 150 km. For more information call Rick Cox at 705-288-1260 ext 220 or email rick@mindentimes.ca

AUGUST 15: CANOE FM - COUNTRY MUSIC HOE DOWN - Come on out and support Canoe FM, the volunteer community radio station. Join Canoe FM at the Minden Arena for an evening of outstanding classic country music featuring Johnny Burke and Eastwind and a number of other fabulous country musicians. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for a chance to meet and greet and look over silent auction items, dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. And music begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40.00 and will be available at Canoe FM. For more information contact Roxanne Casey at 705-457-9603 or email CanoeFMadmin@bellnet.ca

AUGUST 15: PANCAKE BREAKFAST & YARD SALE - Join us between 9 am and 12 noon at the Fort Irwin Residence Association Hall on Haliburton Lake Road, 4 km north of the Fort Irwin Mills.

AUGUST 15: SWING BAND DANCE - Presented by the Haliburton & District Lanes Club and featuring The Greater Timming Area Swing Band. The dance will be held at the Haliburton Legion and doors open at 7:30 p.m. Dancing starts at 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 per person and includes the late night light buffet. Cash Bar. Casual country dress. All proceeds to support SIRCH COMMUNITY HOSPICE! Tickets available at Herwood's Variety, Minden Pharmasave or call Mary Law 705-448-1128 or David Mills 705-457-1354.

AUGUST 15: SLACAR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - at Beaverbrook Golf Course at 1 pm. For details call Patti Prentice 286-2092

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 22: CAMP WANAKOTA RESIDENT CAMP PERIOD D2 - Adventure and exploration, fun and challenge. Prices and availability vary. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information call 705-457-2132 or email info@ymca-wanakota.on.ca

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 16: HALIBURTON-STANHOPE (CN4) HOMEBUILT/ULTRALIGHT FLY IN - This is a fly-in or camp out for the weekend event. This large gathering of aircraft is a must see for any aviation enthusiasts! For more information contact Joe Packer at 705-754-2611 or email airport@haliburnet.on.ca

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 16: HALIBURTON NIGHT ATV RIDE - Presented by the Haliburton ATV Association. Meet at Fire House Restaurant on #35 15 minutes north of Carnarvon for dinner 8:00 p.m. Leaving before 10:00 p.m. for an all nighter in the Pine Springs area. Campfire along the way. Hugh will tell ghost stories and army stories. Returning in the morning daylight. Intermediate/expert ride. Rides (Unless otherwise stated) require HATVA membership or trail pass. Buy your pass or membership BEFORE you show up. Email bhrask@sympatico.ca

AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 21: POINT IN TIME - SUMMER ADVENTURE DAY CAMP - Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do this summer? Well look no further. Point in Time of Haliburton County is offering its eighth annual Summer Adventure Day Camp for children aged 6-11 in Cardiff! At thirty dollars a week, this day camp promises to be filled with crafts, sports, music, games, drama, beach fun and swimming! Registration forms can be picked up at Point in Time, 39 Eastern Ave., or at www.pointintime.ca. Spaces are limited. For more information call Dawn Mole or Heather Lublow at 705-457-5345.

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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If you are interested in victim issues and wish to be a part of this organization please go to our website www.victim-services.org for more information and print off our application form or call our office at: 1-800-574-4401 (who would they ask for if they call?)

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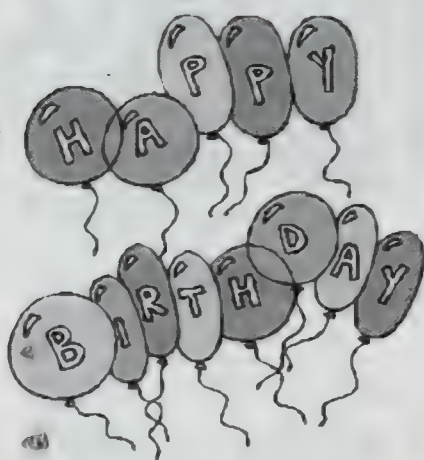
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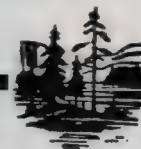
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Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday evening, August 17, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, August 18, 2009 at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

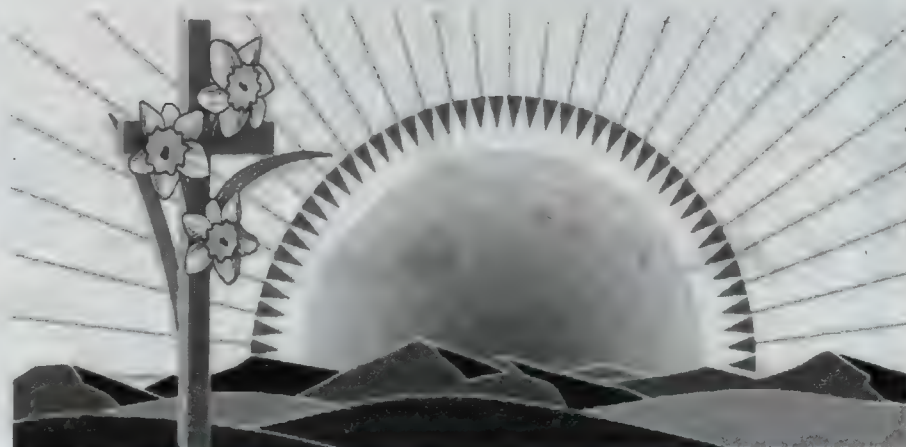
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Violet Mary Coulter (nee Cowan) was born in Carnarvon, Ontario on August 20, 1925 and passed away on July 31, 2009 at Qualicum Beach, British Columbia. She married Garnet Charles Coulter on December 6, 1945 in Minden, Ontario. In the spring of 1952 they moved to Campbell River, BC.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Garnet; her daughters Joan (Jim) Munro of Campbell River, BC and Sharon (John) Ahokas of Lantzville BC; her grandchildren Debra (Ken) Losen, Todd (Jackie) Munro, Paula (Mike) Avender, Graeme (Stephanie) Ahokas; Jason (Amanda) Ahokas, and Katherine Ahokas (Robbie); seven great grandsons Nathan, Hunter, Andrew, Tanar, Daniel, Cohen and Caleb; on sister and two brothers and many nieces and nephews.

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Announcements

The family of the late Reita Hughes wish to say Thank You to all of our relatives, neighbours, and friends for the calls & visits, the food, the beautiful flowers, the heartfelt notes & cards, the little stories and the donations made in Mother's memory. To Bary, Kirsten and staff, how do we express our gratitude. You are very special people and we are so lucky to have you. To the residents, volunteers, and especially the staff at Hyland Crest for the many hugs, love, patience and understanding. Please know that you are appreciated. To Randy Warburton for a wonderful, personal service that touched our hearts. A special thanks to Rhonda and Pat for also speaking, your stories and reminiscences gave us healing, tears and a chuckle or two.

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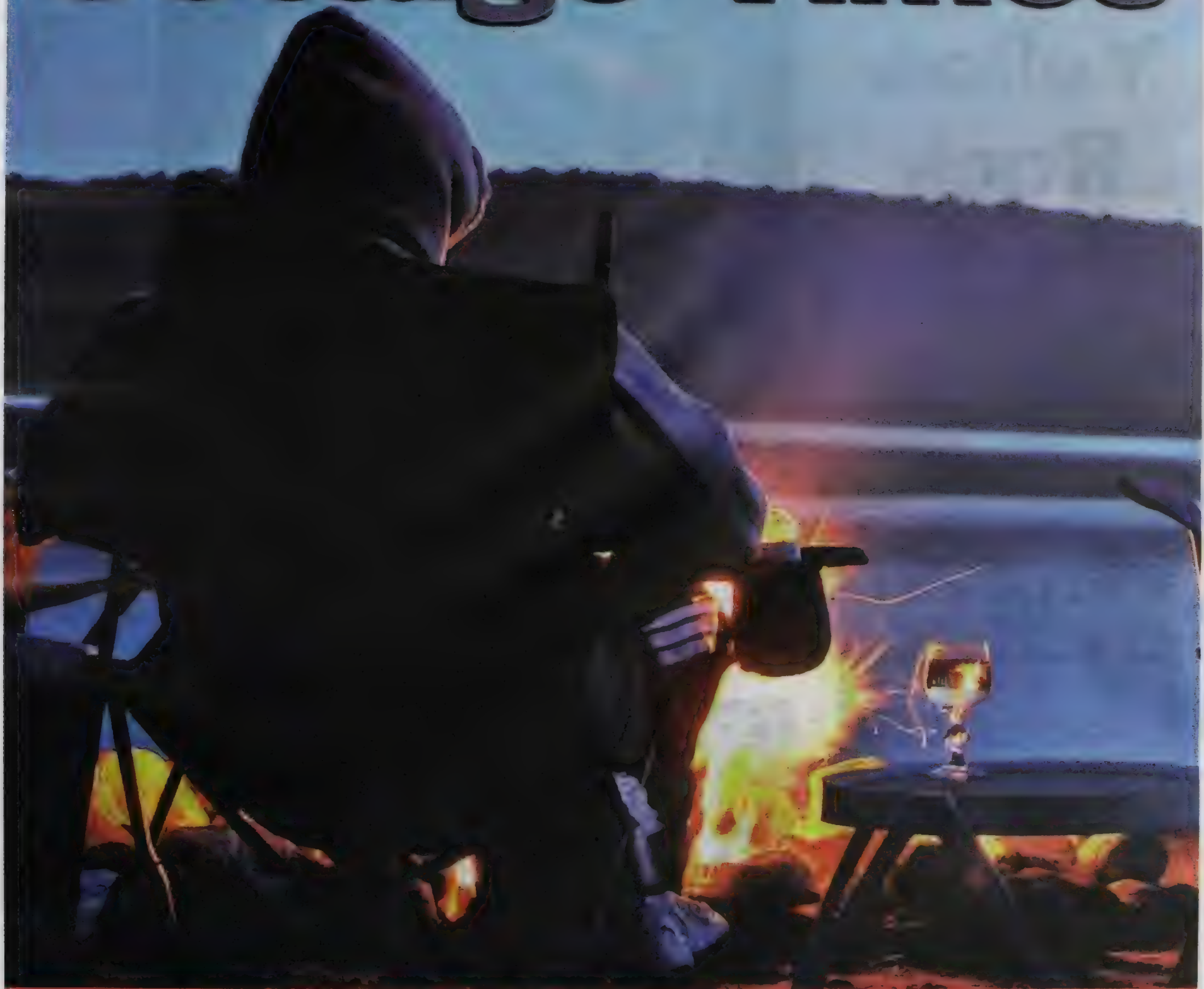


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Story of the Yellow Rock

Column by Jenn Watt

Photo by Dave Barclay

If you've ever been given directions in the Gooderham area, it's likely you've heard of the yellow rock.

"I'm third on the left, just past the yellow rock," you might have been told.

Or if you live down Yellow Rock Trail, you may have instructed visitors to "turn at the yellow rock. You can't miss it!"



A new generation has taken on the task of touching up the yellow rock on Glamorgan Road. This summer Taylor Barclay, left, Alley Battcock and Paige Barclay spruced up the old landmark.

Emergency services numbers may have made navigating the Highlands easier for an outsider, but there's still nothing better than a big, bright, yellow-painted rock to act as another signpost along the way.

The yellow rock on Glamorgan Road (County Road 3) has a long history.

Around 1963 road crews were painting yellow lines down what was then called the old Buckhorn Road when they were asked to lend some paint to a neighbouring resident.

His kids – the Bingham twins – "thought it was hilarious" to dump the yellow-line paint on the rock, says Yellow Rock Trail resident Kathy Mason.

That act of youthful mischief became a useful marker for identifying the road leading off the Buckhorn and painting it became a tradition of cottagers and full-time residents.

In the 1970s, the rock was modified with a bright red peace symbol, echoing the subversive culture of the decade.

Cottagers tried to paint around the symbol, but it eventually faded.

Painting the rock has become a community effort, with children often going in groups to touch up the flaking paint.

Appropriately, this year another pair of twins – Paige and Taylor Barclay – gave the rock another coat of bright yellow with their friend Alley Battcock and father, Dave.

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500 cyclists pedal through county

More than 400 cyclists will be pedaling through Haliburton County again this week in the sixth annual Tour For Kids to raise much needed funds for children's cancer camps in Ontario. The four-day, 800-km bike tour – themed "Ride Somewhere Meaningful" – will circle Ontario cottage country, linking up with Ontario summer camps for children with cancer. This year, the event is expected to raise \$1 million, bringing the total funds raised over the past six years to approximately \$5 million.

To date, Tour For Kids has been able to send over 2,500 children with cancer to enjoy the joys of childhood, through a summer camp experience, while receiving their necessary medical treatments.

Based on the founding principles and volunteer model of the Tour For Kids event, and the generous support of corporate sponsors, 100 per cent of the donations raised go directly to Camp Trillium, Camp Quality and Camp Oochigeas to help send children to camp and provide the required support and treatments during their stay. Riders raise funds through pledges and have the opportunity to dedicate their ride to a child or loved one who has been impacted by cancer.

Investors Group continues to support Tour For Kids as Title Sponsor, helping fund the operation of the event, while raising additional funds and building awareness for the camps.

Tour For Kids 2009 will kick off at

Bruce's Mills Conservation Area on Thursday, August 20. The group will cycle in a circuit through cottage country, riding through the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Highlands regions before returning to Bruce's Mills on August 23. Cyclists will ride the 800 kms at their

own pace over designated scenic rural routes, fully supported with rest stations, accommodations and meals along the way.

For more information, to register as a rider or a volunteer, or to make a donation, visit www.tourforkids.com.

Highlands cottager Jeff Rushton is the founder of Tour For Kids, an annual bicycle ride that raises money for children with cancer. One of the stops along the 800-km route is Haliburton.



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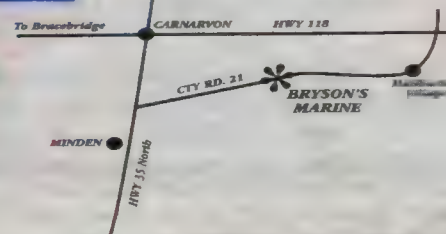
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Hey, stop bouncing. Nancy Lowes wonders if her husband Rick is deliberately making the hemlock planks bounce up and down as they make their way along Haliburton Forest's canopy tour.

Once you get over your initial trepidation about walking on a 30-centimetre-wide plank suspended 20 metres above the forest floor, you can marvel at how beautiful life can be when you take A Walk In the Clouds.



The birds have it right

Haliburton Forest's canopy tour gives you a sense of life in the treetops • by Martha Perkins

Evolution has given us some pretty good reasons to feel scared when we're standing on a 30-centimetre-wide plank suspended 20 metres above the forest floor.

Instinct tells us that if we fall, we won't be passing on our genes to the next generation.

Our brain is sending out a pretty clear message: "Danger! Stay where you are! Don't take that first step!"

Because our ancient ancestors listened to their inner voices, they stopped at the cliff's edge, turned around, went home and had babies.

But those early humans didn't have Sean Pennylegion leading them through a Walk in the Clouds.

Accepting an invitation to join a canopy tour high up in the treetops of Haliburton Forest is part of my year-long quest to conquer fears. I am determined to stare down all the things that have held me back. It's not so much that I'm afraid of heights; I just feel a bit woozy when I'm pushing my safety boundaries.

So there I was, the person who has never made it to the top of the Dorset Tower, taking my first step onto the suspended walking bridge between the trees and fighting every instinct to end this craziness.

It looks pretty enough – the graceful arch of the ropes suspended from tree top to tree top, the view of the sky, the promise of an exciting journey to places only the birds get to see – but the darned boardwalk moves with every step you take. Not side to side but a gentle up and down, like small waves on a beach. Only there's



It's a long, long way down to the bottom of the forest floor. But don't spend all your time looking at your feet – the best view is when you look up, way up.

nothing but an undulating plank and 20 metres of air between me and the beach.

Can I go home now?

It's not Sean Pennylegion's role to cajole me into taking the next step. Yes, our canopy tour guide is a calming presence but it's more because he's given me a mental safety net. Before my group took its first step up there in the clouds, he walked us through a number of procedures that are designed to take away even

the smallest risk. We are hooked onto the suspended wires that hold up the bridge by two strong ropes that are attached to a harness strapped snugly around our waist and legs. When we're still on firm ground, we practice unhooking one rope at a time when we have to walk around the trees that act as the bridge's buttresses. We know that we have our partner checking to make sure that we've done it right. And we are comforted by the knowledge that none of the thousands of people who have taken this walk have ever had to make use of these safety precautions. (Only a couple of people have got to the base of the canopy tour and said they aren't doing it, period.)

The suspended boardwalk itself is made with only the best materials, chief among them the hemlock planks. They were cut from the forest one day, milled and strung between the trees the next. Hemlock is the type of wood used to build all the barns that will still stand generations after the farmers have all left. It's incredibly strong, water resilient and not prone to splinters.

The first steps are the hardest for those of us who aren't thrill-seeking inclined. (Pennylegion politely asks if any of us have "height anxiety.") But once you get over the fear of seeming to walk on air, it is quite a lot of fun.

The boardwalk is about half a kilometre long. For those of us who live among the trees, the experience

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Haliburton Forest gives you a bird's eye view

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of being up there in the treetops is neat but not, perhaps, as breathtaking as it is for people who live in urban areas. They must be amazed by the silence and serenity of the forest canopy. Birds sing all around us but that's it as far as sound goes. No engine noises, no sirens, no chattering masses. It's divine, especially when it makes you feel like a forest god.

Before you set off in the treetops, Pennylegion has already told you about the history and ecology of Haliburton Forest, a 70,000-acre private wildlife reserve that's also a working forest. There are 300 km of trails for snowmobilers, dogsledders and mountain bikers. There are campsites on 17 of the property's 60 lakes. In late August, Bone Lake is turned into an outdoor amphitheatre for the annual Forest Festival and there's also a night-sky observatory, logging museum and wolf centre. Making this all work is an ongoing logging operation, the first in Canada to get a stamp of sustainable approval from the Forest Stewardship Council.

The canopy tour begins at the base

camp on the hill overlooking Kennisis Lake. Pennylegion, who's a graduate of Fleming College's ecotourism management program, introduces himself and fellow guide Jessica Spooner before you all load into a van for the 20-minute ride to the shores of Pelaw Lake. There, you gingerly step into a long war canoe and start your group-bonding adventure by paddling in unison to the other end of the small lake. There's a small hike to the base of Huff 'n' Puff Hill, where you pick up your safety gear before you climb to the training area at the top of the hill. Pennylegion teaches you how to ensure your genes live on and then you set off along the boardwalk.

Towards the end of the canopy tour, a platform has been built overlooking the Pelaw River, which feeds into Pelaw Lake which, in turn, is part of the headwaters for Lake Ontario. Pennylegion unpacks a snack lunch of granola bars, fruit and water and you savour these last moments up in the clouds.

The birds have it right.

For more information about the canopy tour or Haliburton Forest, take a virtual tour of this extraordinary property at www.haliburtonforest.com.



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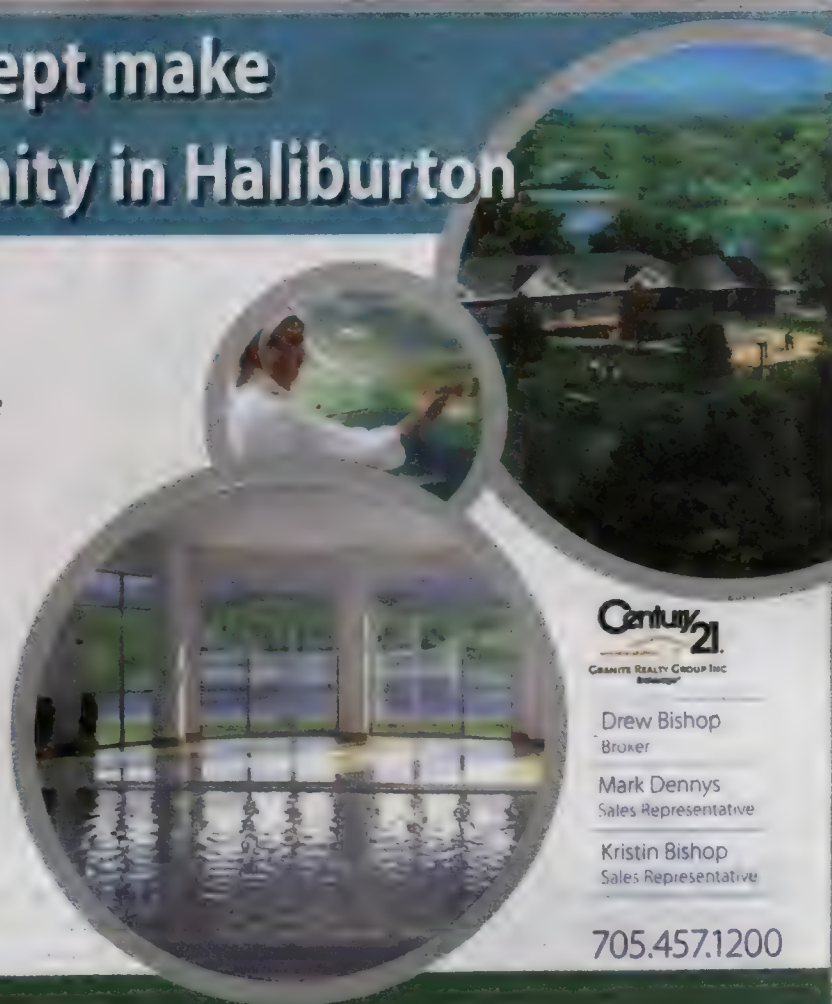
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Norm Amadio, Zoe Chilco and Jack McFadden will be joining forces once again to provide a night of jazz in Carnarvon.

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The 2009 Forest Festival will run from Thursday, August 20 to Sunday, August 23. Concerts will be held at two venues in Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve: the amphitheatre that overlooks serene and isolated Bone Lake and the historic Logging Museum at Base Camp. There will be offering six exciting performances: four evening shows and two matinees.

The outstanding lineup includes performances by the acclaimed Toronto roots/blues band Porkbelly Futures and their leader, award-winning author Paul Quarrington.

Thursday evening, the audience will join a Wolf Howl with the captive pack of Western timber wolves at Haliburton Forest during the intermission of the Porkbelly Futures concert. An unforgettable experience!

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Quarrington will read excerpts from one

or two of his novels prior to the concert. Quarrington won the Stephen Leacock Medal for *King Leary*, a title that also won the 2008 CBC Canada Reads competition. *Whale Music* won the Governor General's Award for Fiction and was one of several of his novels adapted as a feature film.

Back by popular demand, local spoken word artist Ryan Dawson will open the concert.

On Friday night there's a performance by the extraordinary violinist/fiddler Anne Lindsay who will be joined by her long-time collaborator and guitar wizard Jason Fowler. Lindsay is best known for her work with John McDermott and Blue Rodeo. She is also a member of The Jim Cuddy Band. Jason Fowler is a consummate musician with an encyclopedic knowledge of musical styles from folk, country and bluegrass, to blues, rock, jazz and classical. Two veterans

of the local performing arts community, Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth, will open this concert.

Lindsay will also perform her one-woman show "String Sound Poetry" in matinee on Sunday at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre. Lindsay plays a variety of stringed instruments including the Scandinavian Nyckelharpa which she played as a cast member of the *Lord of*

the Rings stage show in Toronto. Veteran singer songwriter Thom Lambert opens.

For the complete schedule, please go to www.theforestfestival.com. Tickets are \$25. A limited number of "all access" passes will be available for \$80. Tickets are available at Haliburton Forest, Rails End Gallery, the Art Hive, the Haliburton County Information Centre in Minden and the Haliburton County Folk Society.



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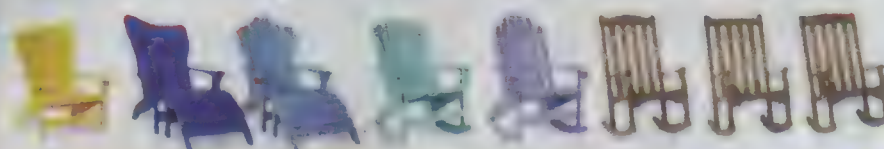
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James Orr celebrates his 30th year at Sir Sam's Inn

Story by DJ Gunning

Walking up to Sir Sam's Inn, I was pleasantly overwhelmed by the precious silence that the inn's location on the quiet banks of Eagle Lake affords. The silence was broken occasionally by a motorboat speeding across the lake in the distance, a few birds trumpeting your arrival and the intermittent crescendo of laughter arising from newly formed friendships.

Owner James Orr walked me through the bar and lounge area that holds one of the inn's most treasured possessions. It's the original gun rack used by the man who built Sir Sam's as his hunting and fishing lodge, former Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence Sir Samuel Hughes. Hughes was warmly greeted as summer visitor in the Highlands in the early 1900s but he was given a much cooler reception in the House of Commons after

the Ross Rifle he bought for the troops in the First World War didn't work. He was forced to resign in 1916 and returned to his home base in Lindsay. He died in 1921 at the age of 69. But that is a whole other story in itself.

The gun rack is now the stunning centerpiece of the lounge and is used to display the fine selection of scotches and other cocktail mixers.

As we toured the twin fires dining room, my first thought was "stunning." It has an immediate old world charm once you enter the double doors into the room that offers a stunning view of the lake.

I talked to Orr about the task of finding a new chef and creating a unique environment in the

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Manager J.T. Lowes, innkeeper James Orr and chef Rob Cleland work together to make a visit to Sir Sam's Inn a memorable experience. They've just introduced the Supper Club. James Orr is celebrating his 30th anniversary as the inn's owner.

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dining room. "It has to appeal to a broad section of tastes. Food is so subjective; it's one of those areas of the business where you can't necessarily make everybody happy all the time."

However, with a menu that changes fresh every single day with three appetizers, salads and entrees, thanks to Chef Rob Cleland, I think you can certainly try.

The buzz phrase in the food world these days is the 100-mile diet. Haliburton is limited in a certain sense in that there is only so much you can do with rhubarb and maple syrup but Haliburton's local farmers certainly offer a very nice selection of locally grown greens and animal products and wild game that Chef Rob tries to incorporate into his daily changing menu.

A prime example of this would be the mouth-watering prosciutto-wrapped quail stuffed with goats cheese and sage served on a roasted parship mash. Hungry yet?

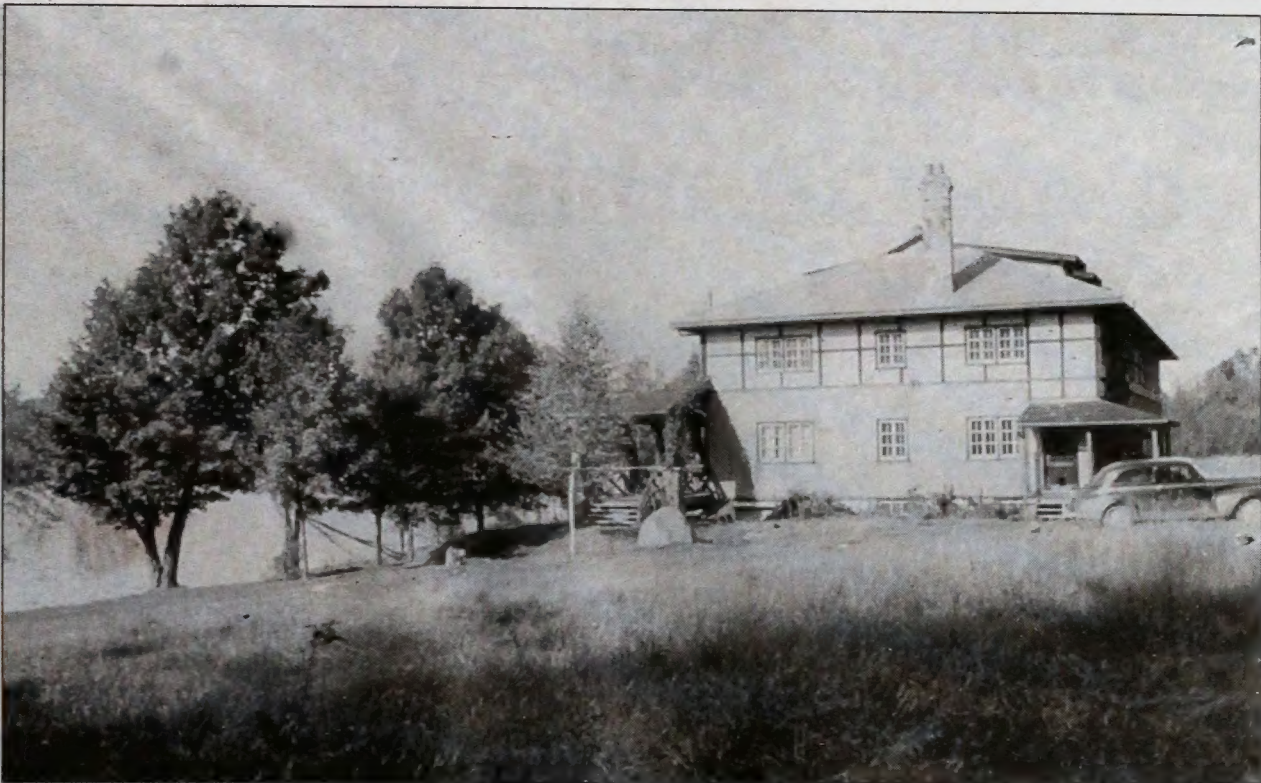
Orr, who bought the inn from the Bishop family 30 years ago this year, has been challenged to provide something more for his travelling clientele and for locals alike. We talked about his latest introduction to the inn, the Supper Club.

"The idea is to provide information to people about food and recipes, health and organic elements are a part of that," he says. "People can join the Supper Club so that they can enjoy the occasional newsletter on the food being featured and news on events that are being offered at the Inn. For locals it's great because you can make an afternoon out of it by relaxing in the hydro-therapy circuit then following it with a special dinner such as the red wine and wild game evening, or a six- or seven-course wine pairing evening. You can sign up through the front desk or on the website; all you have to do is provide us with an email address where you will then be provided with information on the upcoming events."

I was obviously getting the sense that this resort is preciously maintained and caters to the couples market, an interesting concept since you see most resorts going in the direction of becoming more and more family friendly.

When asked about his decision to appeal and cater specifically to couples, James maintained his passion for his business model. "When you focus on couples, you can appeal to the young and young at heart so it really crosses the age spectrum."

Haliburton and Sir Sam's Inn offers an incredibly unique experience for couples who like to spend time together outdoors, when not relaxing in the water spa. Orr got contemplative when I asked him about the changes he's seen in our hometown over the years and how it can add to the appeal to his guests. "I would like to see Haliburton remain pristine, but growth is going to follow cottage country by virtue of the limited amount we have across Ontario and the popularity of



it. I certainly appreciate the investment that has gone into the golf courses and in particular the Haliburton Forest and of course Sir Sam's Ski Area as locations that can add to the experience that our guests can enjoy."

I asked Orr how, after 30 years in the business, he continues to maintain his focus and his passion. "I loved building the inn and having it evolve and many times having to reinvent it and those are the challenging times that have really defined what the inn has become. The waterspa was really difficult but it was something I knew that would complement what were doing here for the couple experience."

During our tour we visited the waterspa room and encountered a young couple just finishing up a circuit in the spa. James asked how they were doing and the response was one that summed up the entire experience. Said the grinning gentleman as he headed over to his fresh towels and robe, "We can hardly walk." Seemed like the perfect time to leave the blissful two-some to the couples lounge bed and enjoy the relaxation that they came here for.



Sir Sam's Inn was built by Sir Sam Hughes as a hunting and fishing retreat on the shores of Eagle Lake. He certainly needed a peaceful retreat after he was forced to resign as Canada's First World War minister of the militia following the Ross Rifle scandal.



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Reporter Jenn Watt tries to make it from platform to platform without touching the ground.

Sappy campers

Awkward Moments column by Steve Galea • Photos by Matt James

"That's it! I'm sending you two to camp!" If those words came from anyone other than editor Parsimonious Perkins, fellow reporter Jenn Watt and I wouldn't have been half as frightened as we were.

"Oh my goodness, the rumours are true," Watt whispered. "She does have a gulag."

As crazy as it sounded, even I didn't believe this. Sure Perkins was the toughest editor this side of Beijing; sure she was rejected from the Axis of Evil because she was overqualified, but even she had her limits.

"This will be great," Perkins continued. "You'll get to carry canoes, sing cute camp songs, get re-educated, develop a positive attitude, and participate in all sorts of physical activities to get your mind and body in shape. Trust me, when they're done with you, you'll be a different person!"

I turned to Watt. "Dear Lord, you're right."

Then, as if to confirm that we were being punished for having dissident views, Perkins broke out her old Girl Guide books and started telling us stories about when she was young. If I recall correctly, the year was 1492...

I won't go into all the horrible, torturous details. Suffice it to say that we were forced to watch her as she sang and danced to several campfire songs, explained why semaphore was still relevant, and provided us with 12 handy recipes for marshmallows.

I thought I could take it but then she started reciting such useful prose as "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, what is a bra without a bust..."

"Enough!" I yelled, as I held out my wrists, "I'll go to camp!"

So it was that Jenn and I were shipped off to Camp Wanakita.

Camp. Even now in my 47th year, the very word strikes abject terror into my heart. Perhaps it's because I still remember the kids from my neighborhood. They left as sarcastic, mouthy, and lazy individuals and were returned to us brimming with confidence, helpfulness, optimism, independence and manners. Sadly, they never did get over it.

Yet, despite all this, outwardly at least, Wanakita didn't look so bad.

We arrived with young Jodie Makin and her cousin Jake, both proud Wanakita alumni, to introduce us to camp life.

"Look at those poor kids," I muttered to Jenn. "They look happy, well-adjusted, and enthusiastic already. When they're done with them, they'll probably be camp counsellors."

Just then a shrill whistle blew and suddenly our

camp counsellor and his team jogged out smartly and in perfect time. Then a clean cut, physically fit young man stepped forward, flashed a gleaming white smile, looked at his clipboard and began the process of our indoctrination.

"Hello, my name is John and I'll be familiarizing you with the camp and helping you adjust to life around here. The idea of summer camp is to discover strengths you never even knew you had and then build on them. On the brief jog over here I came up with 645 useful and fun things for you to do before lunch, but I think we'll start with teaching you how to properly portage a canoe."

"Play along Jenn," I muttered. "This knowledge will come in handy when we make our escape attempt."

After a quick demonstration, in which I determined that swimming was probably easier, we were taken to a campsite on the beach.

"Steve," Jenn said, "I'm scared. What if they start singing campfire songs?"

I advised her to close her eyes and think of a happy place.

Suddenly, she smiled and said, "I'm thinking of a feminist rally for the poor. Right now were cooking vegan meals for them on a fire fueled by recycled, impractical shoes."

Despite the happy thoughts, Watt's will after the brief physical exertion of the canoe portage demonstration was weak. And it broke when they showed her the correct way to set up a tent, build a fire, and cook delicious camp food.

Suddenly, Jodie tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Your friend is singing and completing all the actions to the Penguin Song. I think her mind has snapped."

There Watt was, waddling from side to side, clapping her hands on her hips, and babbling silly words – just like normal. The only difference was she was singing about being a penguin.

By the way, no matter what anyone says, I only joined in to get next to her. After all, how else could I convey my escape plan? She never paid attention to Perkins's lecture on semaphore.

My plan was ingenious actually. Jake, Jodie, Jenn and I would simply volunteer to take down the tent – something any good camper would gladly do, by the way. With the wind reaching gale force speed as it was, I figured that, if each of us held tight to a corner, we'd

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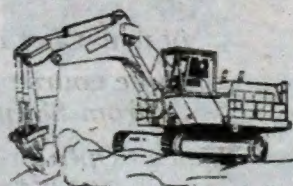
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Penguins at Camp Wanakita?

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be carried away and then our only problem would be finding a way home from Oz – something relatively minor when compared to our current predicament.

Unfortunately, midway through take off, Jake, Jodie, and Jenn actually started enjoying camp life, and let go of their corners. Worse yet, after they improvised a serviceable extension ladder out of Popsicle sticks and pine pitch and rescued me from that tall pine, John sensed something might be wrong.

"Steve," he began soothingly, "you seem to be lacking the positive attitude and can-do approach of a happy camper. Last time I heard of a case this bad was with Camper Perkins."

"You knew Perkins?"

"No, no I didn't. But she's somewhat of a legend around here. Got banned for life for using a magnifying glass to fry ants..."

"Banned for life? That seems kind of severe..."

"And uncles..."

"Well, I suppose that explains her happy memories of camp..."

Somewhere between that conversation and the low ropes, I realized that maybe camp wasn't that bad after all.



Jenn Watt discovers how much fun it is to cook dinner over an open fire, while Jake supervises.



Jake, Jodie, Jenn and Steve volunteer to take down the tent as Steve secretly hopes this is his way of escaping camp.

Heck, in our brief time there, I learned a whole lot about my strengths and weaknesses. For instance, I'm not any good at low ropes, climbing ten-foot walls, portaging canoes, being positive, showing leadership, team building, roasting marshmallows, pitching tents, swimming, thinking, my job, parenthood, and being tall.

On the flip side, I've almost got the Penguin Song down cold, and that's strength to build on!

Camp Wanakita is just one of several summer camps in the Haliburton Highlands. Penguin Song notwithstanding, the professional staff at these places provide excellent programs and activities for youth, ranging from day camps to lengthy canoe trips. For once, Perkins is right; lifelong memories and friendships are made here. Just leave your magnifying glass at home....

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The light breeze brushes against the water and makes the pines sigh. Behind them, clouds wander aimlessly across an eggshell blue sky.

The spirit of this country is contained on that one rocky point. Bare-boned, raw, and beautiful, that jutting land mass has weathered the ages and maintained a quiet dignity. Water laps upon and shapes it imperceptibly. The pine and cedar trees cling to it like the talons of an osprey hold tight to a fish.

You can't help but look at a place like this and not be moved. You can't float in waters so clean and not whisper a prayer of thanks.

The fine people I'm with are from Europe. They can't get over the rugged beauty of the place. They beam with excitement when they tell me about the otters they watched in the bay and the two deer feeding on the little island across the way. These things we take for granted.

They marvel at the handful of boats that traverse the lake and say that in their country this place would be crowded and exploited. And, they tell me, in no uncertain words, how lucky I am to live in a place such as this.

I drink in the cool fresh air and nod in agreement.

As much as it's not in our national character, you cannot help but feel proud of this great land. Sooner or later, if you have any sense of reverence at all, it becomes a part of you, an extension of who you are, and you feel fiercely protective of it.

So, when you see that some uncaring fool has dumped a coffee cup at the boat



Visitors are in awe of the beauty in our rugged wilderness and remind us to never take it for granted. Go a step further and do what you can to protect and cherish it.

launch, you pick it up. These small gestures show that you are thankful to live among the balding rocks, tall pines, and vibrant hardwoods. They are a humble apology for the impact we've had on the beauty of this place we call home.

We live here, not just as occupants, but also as stewards. Our job is to respect

and protect this place, and to recognize that we are among the luckiest people on the planet.

The countryside we love has not been ruined yet. And our timing is such that

we are among the first generations to recognize the intrinsic value of wilderness and clean water. Our laws, for the most part, reflect this. Roads are built with care; shorelines are developed with forethought; waters are considered before we act.

Of course, we can do better. But the point is we are heading in the right direction. More than that, we have templates of the way it should be all around us in places like this.

And, in case you consider this emotional driveline with no practical benefits, consider that my companions on that day traveled across an ocean and spent thousands of dollars just to be here. Then ask yourself if that would have happened had we shown any less respect and reverence for this land of ours.

There is profit in respecting our wilderness. Not the shortsighted profit that comes with destruction either, but something more sustainable and wise – something to be far prouder of.

Simply put, it is the way of the future and it ought to start with a small gesture today.

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